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## Exclusive Richard Lloyd Parry reports from Borneo

cannibals

As many as four thousand people on the island of Bor-neo, including women and children, have been ritually murdered in an outbreak of head hunting and cannibalism which has been all but covered up by the Indonesian

Headless human remains seen by The Independent, together with graphic pictures obtained from a local photographer, represent the first solid evidence of what has until now been little more than rumour: an ethnic war of scarcely imaginable savagery, fought according to ancient principles of black magic, between inhabitants of the world's fourth biggest nation.

The killings took place in the first two months of this year in the remote province of West Kalimantan, close to Indonesia's border with Malaysia, which shares the vast equatorial island of Borneo. Most of those who died were settlers from the island of Madura, east of the main In-

donesian population centre, Java. For decades, land disputes and cultural differences have caused simmering tension between the Madurese and the original inhabitants of Borneo, a race known as the Dayaks. At the very end of last year it exploded, after two Dayak men were stabbed at a pop concert, allegedly by Madurese youths. The authorities restored an uneasy peace, but when rumours began to spread of similar attacks a month later, thousands of Dayaks, urged on by tribal shamans, began a series of mob attacks on

Madurese settlements. The road between Pontianak and the town of Pahauman, two and a half hours' drive to the north-east, is still lined with bundreds of burned out houses formerly occupied by Madurese. In thick jungle near the town of Salatiga last week. *The Independent* was shown a few of the victims of these attacks: six skeletons, five of them in a single spot, all of them lacking skulls.

Photographs taken by a local man on 7 February show severed heads lying in ditches, and a headless, mutilat-ed body by the side of the road in Pahauman. Witnesses describe seeing thousands of Dayaks wearing war paint, and apparently in a trance state, shooting Madurese with

and apparently in a trance state, shooting Madurese with home made shotguns, cutting off their heads, drinking their blood and removing and eating their hearts.

On 1 February a gang of Madurese burned five Dayak houses in the morning, said a teacher in the town of Salatinga, where some of the worst violence occurred. "I was ga, where some of the worst violence occurred." watching from my bathroom window when about 1,000 Dayaks arrived in town. A lot of the Madurese had already run away, but about 50 stayed . . . Three of them got shot - Sinem. Haji Marsuli, and another man I didn't know well. The Dayaks took the bodies and they cut off their heads with swords. Then they cut open their backs and pulled out the hearts, and they are the hearts and drank the blood."

A Javanese man returned that evening to find his home burned down and the headless bodies of six of his Madurese neighbours, including an 80-year old woman, lying on the road with their hearts ripped out. A foreign Catholic priest in another village described seeing his parishioners return carrying heads as trophies. Local Catholic priests in Dayak villages estimate that 200 Dayaks and 4,000 Madurese were killed in the fighting. The Institute of Dayakology Research and Development, a nongovernmental organisation in the West Kalimantan capital of Pontianak, puts the numbers of dead at 1700. The government acknowledges fewer than 300 dead. An estimated 20,000 Madurese are still living in dormitories guarded by the military.

Headhunting in the Borneo jungle, pages 8 and 9



The skull of a Madurese tribesman, one of 4,000 killed - and many of them eaten - in an ethnic

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The Budget is set to follow in

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# **Scots Tories** lan split from party

Political Correspondent

The Scottish Conservatives are preparing to split from the English party at their annual conference later this month. Supporters of the move hope it. will help their party to win new popularity after the loss of all the Scottish Tory seats in the general election, and that it will give them a better chance of success in Labour's planned Scot-

tish parliament. It would also allow them to elect a leader instead of having one chosen for them by the English party leader, and to select candidates independently instead of from a Central Officeapproved list. However, it would deprive them of financial support from the Tory head-quarters in London. The new party might change its name. possibly to the Scottish Unionst Association.

This weekend the chairman of the Scottish party said she believed that members would call for radical change at the forthcoming gathering in Perth, and that the Conservative leadership in Smith Square, London, would accept their decision.

Annabel Goldie, chairman of the Conservative Central Office in Scotland, has told party members: "Nothing is

Miss Goldie was given the job by John Major just weeks before the general election when her predecessor, Michael Hirst, was forced to resign after admitting a homosexual affair.

This conference, in short, is talking about the survival of the party," she said. When the Scottish Conservatives were linked with the English party 20 years ago it was felt to be an efficient system, she said, but that might no longer be the case.

"In many respects it has been effective and it has been worthwhile. But there may be an argument that events have

ever, she added. it would be inappropriate for her to give her to comment on demands for a new, autonomous Scottish par-

ty at this stage. "If the demand for change and for radical restructuring is as clament as I anticipate it will be, then that clament demand will indeed require to be processed," she said.

Party leaders in London had accepted that their Scottish



Annabel Goldie: Anticipates clament demand for change

wing must decide its own future, she added. "I think south of the border there is enormous sympathy for the position in which we find ourselves, and a readiss to accept that we have to determine what it is we must do to survive," she said.

The party would be quite caadded. However, it would be likely to retain strong links with its English counterpart because of its belief in the union. Another crucial decision to be taken at this month's conference of the Scottish Conservative

and Unionist Association will be its approach to the referendum on a Scottish parliament, due to be held in September. Miss Goldie is chairman of

the professional wing of the Scottish Conservatives, the equivalent of the Smith Square headquarters in London. This month's conference is of its voluntary wing, the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Association. Some members argue that the new party should unite these two wings and act as a single organisation with an

elected leader. The former foreign secretary. Malcolm Rifkind, has been suggested as a possible leader, but it is believed he still hopes 10 rcturn to Westminster after losing his Edinburgh Pentlands

However, Mr Rifkind said in an article in the Scotsman last week that Conservatives north of the border should reform as a modern unionist party with separate funding and a dis tinctly Scottish identity.

Other Scottish Conservatives have complained bitterly that the party leadership has been out of touch with what was happening north of the border.

Arthur Bell, chairman of the Scottish Tory Reform Group, is among them. He believes the party has defied its own principles by becoming more centralised and would like to see an independent group at Westpable of surviving financially as minster which would work with an independent entity, she the Conservatives as a number of independent centre-right par-

ties work together in Europe. "You cannot have your policies handed down by people who very occasionally come up to shoot in Scotland," he said. Leadership contest, page 4

# Budget will stop child benefit for 16-18 year olds

**Colin Brown** Chief Political Correspondent

Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, will signal the go ahead for the re-placement of child benefit for 16-18 year olds with an educational allowance as part of a radical welfare-to-work strategy to be

unveiled in his first Budget. Mr Brown, who will today seek to put jobs at the centre of the Enropean agenda at a meeting of European finance ministers, is planning a wide-ranging package of measures to get young people back to work as part of next

month's Budget.
A review of the detailed proposals for the education allowance, including the amount and eligibility, is being carried out by Baroness Blackstone, but senior Cabinet sources said Mr Brown will confirm the plans in

There was speculation that the proposals for replacing child ben-efit had been abandoned, after they appeared to have been watered down to a review in the Labour election manifesto. But sources close to the Chan-

cellor last night denied any change of the policy. There is a com-

the radical, reforming pattern of the first weeks of the Blair administration. The welfare-to-work plans will be financed largely by the £50n windfall profits tax on the privatised utilities. Scrapping child benefit for 16to 18-year-olds could release an

from poorer families to continue with their education beyond the existing school leaving age. The welfare to education re-

view, produced last September by Mr Brown with Harriet Harman, now the Social Security Secretary, and David Blunkett, the Employment and Education Secretary, said: "The current system of child benefit after 16 does not work. It is not universal and never has been ... The mother of an unemployed 16-year-old loses it. The mother of an Etonian sixthformer in a millionaire family receives £1,500 over three years."

Mr Blunkett was wary about scrapping part of child benefit, which goes to around 12.5 million children and nearly seven million families, but is fully behind the moves to offer children allowances to stay on in some form of education or training.

As part of preparing children for work, Education ministers this week will tell schools to pay more attention to literacy and numeracy. It may mean cutting class projects and trendy teaching methods, to concentrate on the three "Rs" of reading, writing and estimated £600m to pay for edu-cation allowances for children of a curriculum review.

Treasury sources refused to confirm weekend speculation that Mr Brown had decided to keep mortgage interest tax relief (Miras), worth £27 a month to the average householder on the

maximum relief of 15 per cent on the first £30,000 of a mortgage. Scrapping it would save around £3hn and would remove the unfair advantage over those renting property, but it would be a heavy blow to "middle England" voters, who put their trust in Mr Blair at the election, particularly after two hikes in interest rates.

Mr Blair promised no increases in the tax rates, but Mr Brown is expected to raise more taxes in the Budget through allowances, and closing loopholes on business, with "green" car taxes on polluting "gas guzzlers", company curs, and closing company tax loop-

Mr Blair this week will take a unique opportunity to explain the Government's plans for flexible working policies in Europe by addressing the board of the Ford motor company in a London hotel. It will be the first time that the US executives as a group have been addressed by a Prime

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Ahern takes power Ireland's centre left Government last night conceded defeat to Bertie Ahern's Fianna Fail party and its allies, who will depend on a handful of Independents. Page 7

A chat to be had Fathers may think they are doing children a favour by sparing them the embarrassment of talking about sex but, according to new research, they should think again. Page 3

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# Whitehall to act over lost radioactive dumps

The Government promised yesterday to take action to deal with hundreds of uncharted radioactive dumps left over from the

Radioactive material was often buried in landfill sites during the Fifties and Sixties before proper regulations came into force. Now a nuclear engineer has estimated that there are more than 500 such dumps all over the country with radioactive material leaking into the surrounding earth.

Michael Meacher, minister for environmental protection, told BBC Radio 4's The World This Weekend that the Government was going to deal with the problem "as quickly as we can". He said: "It is a significant and serious form of contamination which, in our view, should have been dealt with much earlier". John Large, an independent nuclear engineer, has built up a database of military and civilian installations. Speaking on the same programme, Mr Large said: "You have a series of nuclear facilities in this country, waste tips, contaminated buildings that were never logged on no caretakers, no regulators."

# Man rescues girls from freak wave

A holidaymaker who rescued two teenage girls after they were swept into the sea by a freak wave at a holiday beach was being

hailed as a hero yesterday.

Paul Date, 32, from Hounslow, west London, plunged into the waves at West Bay, Dorset, to pull the two teenagers to safety after they were sucked out by the undertow. "But for him we could have been looking at fatalities," said acting Sergeant David Hughes of the Dorset police. The 17-year-olds, Rebecca Brown and Donna Bracey, from Bristol, were airlifted to Weymouth and District Hospital suffering from water inhalation and slight hypothermia. Donna's 11-year-old sister Carly, who also went into the water, was taken to the same hospital by ambulance suffering from slight hypothermia and shock. A Weymouth hospital spokesman said that the girls were discharged later and were "all fine".

### Bravery award for nursery nurse



A nursery nurse who was stabbed as she shielded children from a machetewielding attacker will be honoured by her union this

Lisa Potts, 21, suffered deep wounds to her back, chest and hands when Horrett Campbell, a paranoid schizophrenic, launched the attack during a teddy bears' picnic at St Luke's school in Wolverhampton last year. Miss Potts will be

presented with a certificate of merit for outstanding bravery during Unison's annual conference

# **Stolen medals found after 14 years**

A medal won by a private in the Boer War has been returned to his granddaughter, 14 years after it was stolen from her home.

The South Africa Campaign Medal (1899-1902) was recovered by Operation Bumblebee officers in a £100,000 raid on pawnshop in Lewisham, south-east London. Now Private Samuel Tippett's medal has been given back to his granddaughter, Julie Barnshaw, 57, who owns a pub in Islington, north London.

Also returned were her grandfather's gold-coloured Christmas 1914 tobacco tin, a letter of condolence from George V on his death in the First World War, and a Territorial Campaign medal for Efficient Service given to her father James. Mrs Barnshaw said the medals and memorabilia were among items stolen by burglars from her home in Catford, south-east London, in 1983. "This really brings back how brave they were," she said.

### Pensioner blows up flats

Peggy Seaton, a pensioner, teamed up with the environment minister Hilary Armstrong yesterday to change a city's skyline when they pressed buttons to bring down two 16-storey blocks flats above a hillside in Sheffield in controlled explosions.

The blast, using 120kgs of explosives which converted the tower blocks into 24,000 tonnes of rubble, came at exactly the same time as the Yorkshire-based contractor Controlled Demolition had arranged to blow down a 10-storey office block 4,000 miles away in Rockville, Montgomery, near Washington DC in the United States.

Charles Moran, managing director of the company, said: "This is the first time we've blown down buildings simultaneously on both sides of the Atlantic." Mrs Seaton, 74, was chosen to help Ms Armstrong set off the Sheffield blast because she has lived so long - 32 years - on the Norfolk Park estate where the flats stood. Thousands of people turned out to watch the explosion.

### 007 director aspires to new heights

Roger Spottiswoode, the English director of the latest 007 film,

Tomorrow Never Dies, is preparing to make a £13m film about the battle to build Salisbury Cathedral's immense spire.

The film, based on William Golding's Sixties novel, The Spire, will tell the story of the cathedral's 14th-century dean who is obsessed with building a spire for the greater glory of God. Sir Anthony Hopkins was originally cast as the Dean, but became unavailable and Spottiswoode is looking for another British actor to replace him. The as yet untitled movie, to be set in 1325, will be part-funded by £1m of National Lottery money.

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Pilgrimage: Mary Robinson, the Irish president, at Iona Abbey yesterday to mark the 1,400th anniversary of the death of St Columba. The Irish saint founded the abbey in the 6th century and sent missionaries out to preach the gospel; Ahern set for power, page 7 (Photograph: Reuters).

# My regrets, by magistrate who jailed 12-year-old girl

to send a 12-year-old girl to an adult prison was condemned as "barbaric" expressed regret yesterday, but claimed he had no other choice.

Civil liberties campaigners on the Isle of Man have promised to take the case of the girl, who had not been convicted of any offence and suffers from spina bifida, to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the

Mr Hartley said the girl, who lived in a children's home, was considered a danger to herself and others. He said: 7 told her that she could be granted bail if she continued to live at the children's home and did not go out unaccompanied. The girl refused to accept these conditions and so I was left with no alternative.

"I have three children and many grandchildren - including a grandson the same age as the girl - and I did not take the decision to send her to the juvenile unit light-

the prison inside the perimeter wall of Victoria Road Prison control her."

associate with offenders aged up to 16.

A 15-year-old youth is at the same jail where he is thought to be serving a six-month sentence for assault and theft. A 14-year-old boy awaiting trial was released a few days ago when his parents agreed to take care

A Manx advocate, Terence McDonald, has called for the island's government to carry out urgent reforms. "It is barbaric to lock up children in jail and place them in cells," he said.

Mr Hartley, a member of the prison board, said: "It is a modern unit, with specially trained staff and I believe the girl will receive the care she needs."

The girl, who is not being named, first appeared be-fore Mr Hartley on Tuesday charged with assault and criminal damage. He said: "The police requested a remand in custody and it was considered the girl was in moral danger as she tended to go missing for lengthy.

The girl is being kept in a cell at special annexe of periods and the staff at the children's home could not

### One million turn out for Pope's Krakow return

Pope John Paul II, finally home in "my beloved city," slept in his old house, visited his old school and rejoiced in the cheers of more than one million of his countrymen yesterday in the biggest turnout of

his 11-day Polish pilgrimage. The crowd began arriving shortly after dawn for the major Mass of his Krakow stay, nearly filling the

city's vast Blonia meadow. The Pope proclaimed Poland's 14th century queen, Hedwig, a saint, holding up her generosity and defence of the common good as examples for today's political leaders. His message was part of his efforts to keep Poles from losing their identity and values in the

transition from a communist to a free-market economy.

While many Poles have expressed fear that this could be the last visit for John Paul, now 77 and slowed by infirmity, church officials suggested he may return next year, when he has been invit-ed for the 1,000th anniversary of Gdansk on the Baltic coast.

Although he walked slowly and his voice was weak, the Pontiff managed to hold up his staff to acknowledge chants of "Long live the Pope".

The former Karol Wojtyla spent most of his life as student, priest and archbishop before his election to the papacy. He spent the night in the 17th century archbishop's residence where he lived for 14 years. He also visited Jagiellonian University, where he studied theology in secret after it was closed by

## | Michael Hickey on theft charge

Michael Hickey, one of the Bridgewater Four, was last night back in custody after being charged with theft and carrying an offensive

Mr Hickey, 36, was arrested in Birmingham city centre on Saturday, said West Midlands police. He was taken to Steelhouse Lane police station and inter-

viewed by detectives before being charged with theft and possessing an offensive weapon.

The charge is thought to be in connection with the alleged theft of a tray of gold rings from the city's

Supergold store. He is being held in custody and is due to appear before magis-

trates in Birmingham today. Mr Hickey was one of four men jailed in 1979 for the murder of the paperboy Carl Bridgewater at Yew

Tree Farm, Stourbridge. He was ordered to be detained indefinitely while his cousin Vincent Hickey and James Robinson were given life. Pat Molloy was convicted of manslaughter.

The men, who always protested their innocence, became known as the Bridgewater Four during their campaign to have the convictions

After a long campaign, they were freed in February when the prosecution accepted that fresh evidence left the case against them fundamentally flawed.

#### ENVIRONMENT

# **Green tax prompts sharp** increase in fly-tipping

A green tax designed to reduce waste dumping has caused an increase in fly-tipping, according to a survey published today.

Three-quarters of local authorities have reported an increase in the illegal practice since the introduction of the landfill tax last

The disposal of waste at landfill sites was taxed at up to £7 per tonne under the measures and was intended to encourage less rubbish being produced. It was also aimed at encouraging recycling and has raised £111m in its first three months.

But in the commercial sector, only one third of waste producers were reducing the amount of taxable waste they produced. Roger Wood, of Coopers & Lybrand, who carried out the survey, said: "In this double Budget year, the Chancellor has a golden opportunity to make landfill tax a more effective eco-tax than it appears to be at present, with or without raising the rates."

#### WILDLIFE

# 'Ratty' at home in the urban jungle

The water vole, once a familiar sight on rural riverbanks and streams, has become a survivor in the urban jungle. The creature, famed as Ratty in Wind in the Willows, has found

that living in polluted city waterways gives it an escape route from one of its worst nemies, the American mink. Scientists working with the

Environment Agency and The Wildlife Trusts' Water Volewatch have found that water voles have disappeared from more than two thirds of sites where they once bred.

This is due largely to habitat loss, change in land use, predation by mink and

luctuations in water levels. They have almost vanished from major rivers and now live in headstreams, canals, urban watercourses, drainage dykes, city lakes and even garden ponds.

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#### **EDUCATION**

# **English children falter in maths**

Standards in primary schools will come under the spotlight again this week, with another report showing English children slipping down the international league table.

Nine-year-olds will be shown to be struggling with basic maths, lagging substantially behind children from countries in the Pacific Rim and eastern Europe.

The report came as the Government prepares this week to launch a drive to promote more teaching of the three Rs in primary schools. Ministers have proposed that schools should spend an hour a day on reading and writing.

They are also likely to demand more time for arithmetic in the wake of the latest study of half a million nine-year-olds in 26 countries. Due out on Tuesday, it is expected to show roughly the

same results as last year's worldwide survey of 13-year-olds. The Third International Maths and Science Stud found that English 13-year-olds got an average of only 53 per cent of maths

#### **INDUSTRY**

### Women behind in computer skills

Only 5 per cent of professional information technology personnel and just one in five computer studies students are women. according to research published today.

There are also indications that the number of female students in computer-related courses is declining in some higher education institutions, IT recruitment consultants DP Connect and Computing magazine found.

Schoolgirls are encouraged to view familiarity with information

technology as a means of securing an office job, but not as a career in itself. The study says: "Women IT professionals tended to have entered the industry by accident." Meanwhile, the Wainwright Trust, a charitably funded research group into equal opportunities, found that the promotion and recruitment of omen in the private sector had been adversely affected by the tendency to devolve decision-making to line managers.

### <u>PETS</u>

# Insurance is best policy for dogs

Pet owners are more likely to insure their dogs than their cats. Canines account for 60 per cent of all pet insurance policies, research by Datamonitor has found, compared with 15 per cent for felines. Horses and ponies fall in the middle, with a quarter of policies aimed at protecting them. Although Britain is meant to be a nation of animal lovers, the

figures show that fewer than one in 10 pets have insurance policies with a total of 168,072 cats, dogs and horses covered.

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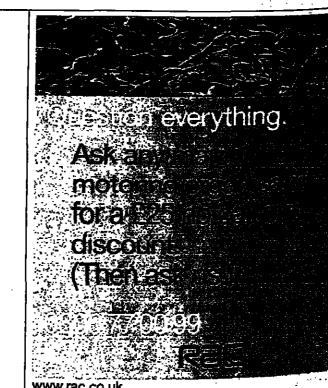
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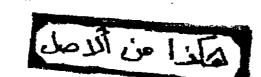
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# Father doesn't know best

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Fathers may think they are doing their offspring a favour by sparing them the embarrassment of talking about sex but, according to new research, they should think again.

A Harris survey on teenagers and promiscuity identifies fathers as the worst offenders in the approachability stakes. Britain's teenagers want to talk more openly about their sexual worries, but three in four feel unable to embark on such a conversation with their fathers.

Parents seem to be suffering in silence, too. While three in four parents say they worry about their teenagers having under-age sex, the same number never talk to their children about important sexual issues.

Even those who talk to their children about sex steer clear of fundamental issues, the survey reveals. Four in 10 parents who say they talk about sex have not mentioned contraception, and three in 10 have never spoken about AIDS. Eight in 10 have never discussed masturhation and the same number have never made any reference to oral sex.

The majority of parents in Britain are leaving their kids' sex education to chance and letting them drift into early promiscuays Steve Chalke, founder of the Oasis Trust, which commissioned the survey, resident tamily specialist on GMTV, and author of the forthcoming book How to Succeed as a Parent.

"Most of the 8,000 under-16s year in the UK never even wanted to have sex, let alone a haby, he adds. Rather, they had sex, he says, because they "didn't know how to say 'no'. It is a scandal that so many of Britain's parents are exposing their kids to this danger and not even bothering to discuss contraception with them."

Time, says Mr Chalke in the run-up to Father's Day, is the greatest gift" a father can give

Citing the experts view that the average father spends three minutes-a-day in "quality" con-versation with his children, Mr Chalke emphasises that he means "quantity time". "Time to talk. Time to listen.

Time to show you care," he says. "If you want to diffuse the teenage time-bomb you have to start talking to them when they're toddlers ... The deep issues and important questions the things that matter most to children - trickle out because a parent is there."

Four out of five teenagers feel unable to talk to their fathers about important issues, sexual or otherwise. They single out Gazza, Grant Mitchell of the soap opera. Eastenders, and Prince Charles as Britain's worst fathers. Why? Because they do not spend enough time with their children.

Chris Evans, David Wickes. from Eastenders, and Terry Duckworth, from Coronation Street, also fared badly.

The average child spends three hours a day watching television. Mr Chalke combines this fact with the apparent lack of communciation between parents and children and draws the obvious conclusion.

"Instead of being influenced by their parents, they're taking their lead from friends, TV and magazines. So the question isn't: Are your kids being brainwashed?' It's: 'What are your kids' brains being brainwashed with? If parents don't discuss sex properly they're risking their child's future.

The survey, which was carried out with 675 parents and 675 children in the UK, reveals that six out of 10 parents would be worried if their children were homosexual, and particularly fathers. "So why on earth

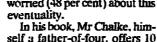
can't they sit down and chat middle-class parents are least about it? asks Mr Chalke.

The amount fathers worry about this issue varies regionally. Sixty-one per cent of fathers living in Wales and the Midlands would be worried, 54 per cent of those living in London and the South, and 53% of those living in Scotland and the North. Working-class parents are most worried about their child being gay (61 per cent), while

worried (48 per cent) about this eventuality.

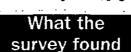
on" as opposed to "survive" parenting, starting with "be Realistic - There's no such thing as a perfect parent" and finishing with 10 things you should and

In his book, Mr Chalke, himself a father-of-four, offers 10 "survival tips" on how to "thrive



should not say to your child.

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Main points of survey: Three out of four parents have been womied about their teenagers having under-age sex.

One in two teenagers have sex before 16. ■ Three in four parents never talk to their children about important sexual

Three in four teenagers cannot talk to their fathers about important sexual

■ Four in five teenagers cannot talk to their fathers about important issues (regardless of whether or not they are sexual). ■ Eight in 10 parents

haven't discussed masturbation. ■ Eight in 10 parents haven't discussed oral

Four in 10 parents haven't discussed contraception. ■ Three in ten parents. haven't discussed Aids.



# 'Children are better off being children'

John Clark and his teenage daughter, Martha, have a close relationship, but not so close that they talk about

sex. Neither party would wish it any other way, writes Clare Garner.
"I think it's about respecting boundaries," said Mr Clark, 49, a university lecturer who lives in north I ondon "I don't think I have been been an income." London. "I don't think I should be obliged to talk to Martha about sex. I don't think it's necessarily appropriate." He recently overheard two school girls discussing flavoured condoms and oral sex. 'Well,' he mused, 'I'm not going to start talking to Martha about flavoured condoms, quite honesthe'."

quite honestly. Martha, 16, has never felt the need to talk to her parents about sex. School, she said, has provided her with all the sex education she needs. "I think our school is particularly good on that because it's a girls' school," she said. "We've got a lot of female teachers who want us to know about it."

At 12, she was taught how to put condoms on carrots and every year since, the lessons have become "more serious", focusing in particular on HIV and Aids. Martha said she would tell her parents if she wanted to go on the Pill. "But I wouldn't need their support that much," she hastened to add.

Mr Clark outlined his approach to parenting. "Our family line is that children are better off being children than growing up, which means you don't necessarily talk to them about sex all the time," he said. "That's a good excuse, isn't it!"

He is more concerned with establishing a "good quality relationship" with Martha so that if she needs to talk she can, than spelling out the mechanics of sex.

The idea of having a set of rules that between the age of 12 and 14 you discuss the various positions of sexual intercourse and alternative forms of contraceptive is ridiculous," he said. He remembered how awkward he felt when he was called upon to explain certain scenes in films and soap operas: "What I had to do is not flee the room - which I was definitely tempted to do."

Even Shakespeare has proved problematic. "We went to A Midsummer Night's Dream," he said. "It's very explicit what's happening, that this donkey is having sex with a fairy. What are you going to say about that?"

Dos and don'ts of parenting

Ten things you SHOULD NOT say to your child: 1) "You're so stupid!" 2) "Sometimes, I wish you'd never been born!" 3) "If only you were more like your brother!" 4) "You could do so well, 5) "Look at everything I've given up for you!"

6) "Act your age!"
7) "Don't be silly, there's nothing to be frightened

8) "Wait until your father gets home!"

9) "You have no idea what you're talking about!" 10) "You always/never ..."

Ten things you SHOULD say to your child: 1) "I'm so proud of you, well done! 2) "You're so thoughitul ..."-3) You're clever to have worked that out!" 4). "I love you." 5) "What do you think about ...?" 6) Tit's OK to cry. 7) You tried your best, and that's what counts." 8) Tr's OK to make 9) "I'm sorry. Will you forgive me?"



# Ecstasy fear as two die at raves

Michael Streeter

10) "I said NO!"

Police are investigating the deaths at the weekend of two young people who may have taken the drug ecstasy.

Early yesterday, a 17-year-old boy died just five hours after collapsing at a rave party in Skegness, Lincolnshire. John Wainwright died in hospital after lansing into a "semi-conscious state", according to police. Inspector Graham Marsh. of the Lincolnshire force, said

initial inquiries suggested the teenager from Grimsby had taken an ecstasy tablet. "We suspect from our inquiries so far that this is the result of taking an illegal substance. Although the post-mortem examination has not been conducted, from inquiries we have carried out so far, we believe that substance

may be ecstasy." Det Insp Martin Bontoft, who accompanied John's parents when they formally identified their son's body, said:

"There seems to be little doubt he has taken drugs. The parents are grief-stricken. I don't think the shock has sunk in yet, but what can you say?

He added: "The nature of the death is a classic reaction of the body to ecstasy and I would be surprised if it turned out to be anything else."

A spokesman for the Active Corporation, which organised the event at the Fantasy Island complex in Ingoldmells, near Skegness, said: "There is very

little to say at this time and we will not be issuing a statement until tomorrow." The rave is believed to have been attended by 300 partygoers. In a separate incident, a man

- helieved to be aged between 20 and 22 years old - was taken to hospital from an all-night rave event in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, but attempts to revive him failed and he was certified dead at 11.25pm on Saturday. The coroner has been informed.

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# Clarke in Tory survey

against Tony Blair, offered the

right no concessions yesterday

The ex-Chancellor, who last

week called for delay of the

single currency, on BBC Tele-

vision's On the Record pro-

gramme refused to commit

the single currency beyond the lifetime of this Parliament.

imself to a referendum on

All the camps yesterday were

ying to talk-up their support.

Mr Clarke won the backing of the former cabinet minister,

Mr Lilley and Mr Howard were

believed to be neck-and-neck

John MacGregor, while the

Hague camp won the endorse-ment of Charles Lewington,

former head of communica-

tions at the Conservative Cen-

tral Office during the election.

Mr Lewington became the first "insider" to break cover

over the election debacle, by

writing in the Sunday Telegraph

that John Major had admitted

two weeks before the election

that the Conservatives could not

win and that frustration over the

civil war in his party plunged the ex-Prime Minister into "black moods" and he would "lash out

After Edwina Currie de-

stroyed Mr Major's pre-election

rally in Bath by urging him to quit early if the Tories lost the

election, Mr Major told Mr

Lewington: "I am sorry you

have to deal with these people."

After a pause, Mr Major added,

"Sometimes I don't know why

Sporting Index, the spread-

betting organisation, said Mr

Clarke is ahead with punters

betting on the ex-Chancellor

getting 58-62 votes in the first ballot; Mr Hague 33-37; Mr Howard 25-29; Mr Lilley 21-25;

and Mr Redwood 17-20.

at those closest to him".

his pro-European views.

Colin Brown Chief Political Correspondent

Kenneth Clarke is expected to win a ballot of constituency party chairmen today on the eve of the election among 164 Tory MPs for the Conservative Party leadership.

The results of the ballot to be announced tomorrow will give Mr Clarke's bandwagon a huge heave by putting pressure on Tory MPs to back the former Chancellor in the secrecy of the first ballot.

William Hague is expected to come second in the ballot of Tory constituency chairmen, who will cast their votes by telephone using secret pin numbers.

The results, to be announced immediately before MPs vote, could increase the demands for a re-run of the election, if the MPs ignore the views of the constituencies and elect one of the outright Euro-sceptic rightwing candidates, Michael Howard, Peter Lilley or John Redwood.

The right-wing camps will meet after MPs vote tomorrow morning to thrash out a deal to stop Mr Clarke or Mr Hague, amid continuing speculation that Baroness Thatcher would prefer a more Euro-sceptic

Mr Lilley called on the third and fourth candidates to drop out of the race for the second ballot, to avoid the right-wing vote being split. But in a move which could help Mr Clarke, Mr Redwood, the most outspoken opponent of European monetary union, said he intended to "go on" until he won the argument for ruling out the single

Mr Clarke who is trying to convince the Euro-sceptics to vote for him, as a "big hitter"

Boost for Deputy prime minister has a whale of a time



Wear to mark World Oceans Day. Mr Prescott is a keen diver and has campaigned for cleaner seas

# Cook raises doubts on timetable for the euro

Robin Cook yesterday opposed moves by the newly elected French government to ease the economic criteria for countries to join a "softer" single Euro-

pean currency.

The Foreign Secretary made it clear that he believed the election victory for the socialists under Lionel Jospin and the aborted attempt by the Germans to revalue their gold reserves had raised doubts about the single currency starting on time in 1999.

Mr Cook is one of the leading sceptics in the Cabinet about the single currency, but there appears to be no difference of view within the Government "big four" – Tony Blair, Gordon Brown, John Prescott and Mr Cook. In spite of the warmth of the

meeting between Mr Blair and Mr Jospin in Malmo last Friday. Britain is wary about the French plans for softening the entry cri-teria for the single currency.

Asked if he welcomed the French idea of a "softer euro", Mr Cook said: "No, not if that meant you were making it easier for people who had fudged the criteria to get in under the

He added: "The debate at the moment seems to be in danger of polarising between a softer Euro, which would not be workable, and a harder Euro which would not be popular. "If the European single cur-rency is to proceed on time it

is very important that it pro-ceeds on time both with credible criteria which will make sure it is a credible strong currency and secondly with popular back-Mr Cook was also dismissive

of some of the five points by Mr Jospin at the social democrats' gathering in Malmo. Mr Jospin said Italy and Spain should be included in the first wave. But Mr Cook said: "I

don't think you should name

countries who ought to begin, as of right. I think countries

gle currency if they meet the criaddressed, not the name of the

He said there was now broad agreement in Europe that the approach to a single currency had to be underpinned by an economic strategy for growth and jobs?

and jobs?

That was why Mr Brown, the Chancellor, would be putting his proposals today for jobs to the meeting of European finance It was "unlikely" Britain

would join the first wave in 1999, said Mr Cook, but he stressed that jobs would be the key

The referesed monthly appearances in front of voters will be held on Fridays and will be based around a particular treme. Chairman of the Tory backbench 1922 Committee claimed Mr Blair was trying to avoid Parliament after.

yardstick for Britain's decision on whether to enter the currency, if and when it started. "We will carry out a hardheaded assessment towards the end of this year as to whether joining would be in the economic interests of Britain;

changing Prime Minister

questions from two 15-minute sessions each wee to one lasting 30 minutes.

would it increase or risk jobs. "At the moment, we think it unlikely that that assessment would put to us joining," he said on BBC Television's Breakfast

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# MoD to review possibility of ban on foxhunting

Colin Brown

Foxhunting could be banned on more than 500,000 acres of Ministry of Defence land following a review announced yes-

terday by ministers.
One of the first victims of a ban on foxhunting on MoD land could be the Royal Artillery's own foxhunting pack at the Bul-ford Camp on Salisbury Plain.

The MoD review, coupled

with a review of foxhunting on Forestry Commission land, would hit more than 60 foxhunting packs, including one in the New Forest that hunts deer, and foxhunting packs in the Ouantocks. The move could be pre-empted this week by Michael Foster, a new Labour MP, who

a private members' Bill banning hunting with hounds for all Mr Foster, who is anti-foxhunting, came top in the ballot of MPs for the right to introduce legislation, and will announce his decision this week after

consulting his constituents in Worcester. A spokesman for the

is under pressure to introduce

said: "It is looking very good.
"Some hunts will be chopped; others will be seriously inconvenienced. But what we really need is legislation to protect wildlife from unnecessary suffering, by banning all hunts whether for deer, foxes, hares or mink. They would then have to go hunting by putting down a false trail, which would preserve

League Against Cruel Sports that up to a dozen hunts would be forced to close. But they insisted that the practical difficulties of imposing a ban would make it an unattractive proposal for both the MoD and the Commission.

Landowners have written to the MoD threatening to withdraw permission for exercises to encroach on their land, and could put up to a quarter of a the social side of their activity."
Field sports lobbyists said for training out of bounds to the

Janet George, of the British Field Sports Society.
She said: "There is not much benefit and a hell of a lot of has-

sle for the Government in trying to get at hunting through the back door, which is what this is. "They don't relish the prospect of pushing a total ban through Parliament, but they want to have something to of-

fer the anti-hunting looby." An MoD spokeswoman said: "It is our intention to carry out a thorough review of the effectiveness of hunting with hounds to control fox numbers on MoD land." No timetable has yet been set for the review, which will consider alternative methods of controlling fox numbers, such as shooting, but it is expected to start soon, and be completed within months,

rather than years", she added. The MoD owns about 600,000 acres, while the Forestry Commission controls 2.8 million. Among hunts which would probably be forced to close by a ban are the Borders Hunt, the New

# MPs who take bribes face seven years in jail under new law

Lobbyists who offer "cash for questions" to politicians will be ways. It's not just the MPs – it's caught by new laws to be announced today by Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, to clean up Parliament after the scandals of Tory MPs alleged to be guilty of

sleaze, writes Colin Brown. MPs found guilty of taking bribes or illegal gifts would face seven years' imprisonment under the anti-sleaze Bill to be introduced by Mr Straw, over-riding the failed system of selfregulation by the Palace of Westminster.

The anti-corruption legisla-tion would cover those found guilty of offering bribes to MPs, in addition to the judiciary and local councillors, as part of the pledge by Tony Blair to raise standards in public life. Robin Cook, the Foreign Sec-

ways. It's not just the MPs - it's those who offer the bribes that would be caught by this proposal.
"It is a common sense step

forward to improving the state of the law. People are going to be slightly surprised to discover that although there are clear laws against bribery, members of Parliament are not among the categories if you attempt to bribe them.

The legislation will not act retrospectively and therefore the MPs criticised by Sir Gordon Downey, who is investigating cash-for-questions allegations, will not be caught in the net.

Mr Cook said on BBC television's Breakfast with Frost

sanction by Parliament against Neil Hamilton, the former Tory MP for Tatton, because he had lost his seat.

Mr Hamilton strongly denies the allegations and has complained that he has been prevented from clearing his name. However, Mr Cook said that in future, general elections would not stop former MPs facing charges. "If a criminal offence had taken place then the charge would be pursued within the usual timebar but not dropped because there had been an

election. The Nolan Committee, set up to investigate standards in public life, welcomed the Government initiative. The committee has backed Mr Straw's plan and there was an unsatisfactory po- is to recommend a new ofsition in which there was no fence of misconduct in public prosecution.

life when it publishes a in a few weeks' time.

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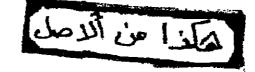
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Because of pressure on par-liamentary time, the legislation will not be introduced with late next year. The Nolan Committee was set up by John Major's govern

ment to examine standards public life following the cash for-questions scandal.

A spokesman for the com mittee said: "The Nolan Committee welcomes moves by the Government to take formate the work of the Law Commis-sion and the Nolan Commission and the Home Office in tackling

corruption." The Bill will close a loopingle in the law dating back to the 1689 Bill of Rights which gives MPs immunity from public



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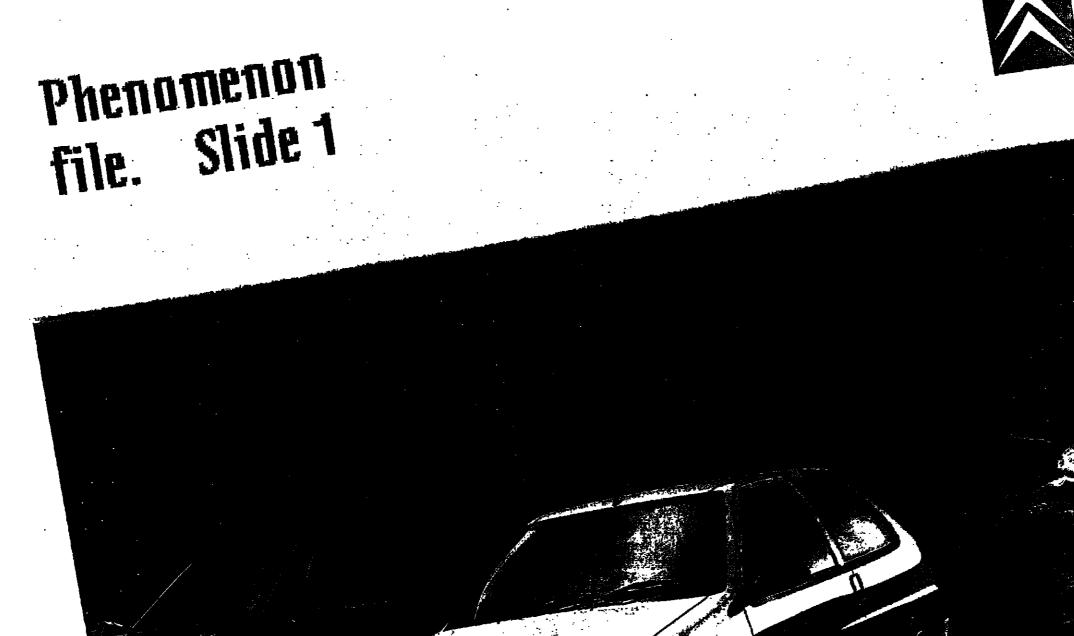
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# An historic glimpse inside the Tsar's family album

Stephen Goodwin Heritage Correspondent

An album of photographs of Tsar Nicholas II and his family taken six years before they were murdered by the Bolsheviks will go on sale in London later this week.

Bolsheviks will go on sale in London later this week. Entitled Scenes of Belovejhsk, the album contains 20 photographs taken during the annual visit to the imperial hunting lodge, in Poland, in 1912. Valued at £3,000 to £5,000, it is the highlight of a collection of items, illustrating the domestic life and wealth of the royal family, included in Sotheby's Russian Sale.

The photographs include one of Nicholas II leaving church with the Tsarina Alexandra, and their daughters, Olga, Tatiana, Maria and Anastasia, all of whom, with the possible exception of Anastasia, were surchered at

the possible exception of Anastasia, were furthered at Ekaterinberg. Alexei, the Tsarevich, is not included in any of the photographs. A haemophiliac, he became very ill during the stay at Belovejhsk after a boating

very ill during the stay at belovejask after a boating accident, and the Tsarina believed it was only the prayers of the "mad monk" Rasputin that saved him. The coronation of Tsar Alexander II in 1856 is featured in a magnificent album of coloured lithographs and engravings, estimated at £14,000 – £18,000. The sale also includes a 1913 inventory of royal palaces which notes that the parquet floor of the Chinese Room at the Tsariskoe Selo palace was "so highly rollished it was Tsariskoe Selo palace was "so highly polished it was impossible to run on it", and how, when Grand Duchess Maria Alexandrovna, the Tsar's aunt, entered the room in summer, she would be handed a cut cucumber with which to wipe her face and refresh herself.



# Britain's amateurs lose out to glamour sports

lan Burreli

Tony Banks, the sports minister, is facing a rebellion from Britain's amateur sports who say they are in dire financial straits because public funding is being diverted to the more televisual

winning future Olympic medals in minor events were being seriously undermined by a new ethos which discriminated against sports played for enjoyment not money.

Cuts in funding and bureaucratic demands on sports with little administrative back-up have led to the laying-off of national coaches and the loss of vital training and facilities for British competitors.

pentathlon gold medallist, said: "The powers that be are only interested in the Murdoch-televised sports. You have to ask whether there is a deliberate policy to let the minor sports go

"glamour" sports. Kevin Hickey, technical di-They said Britain's chances of rector of the British Olympic Association, said it was an "enormous problem" and cited more than a dozen Olympic sports that were undergoing significant funding problems.

> wrestling, volleyball, handball, basketball, modern pentathlon, triathlon, judo, bobsleigh, curling and speed-skating. Many amateur sports gov-

erning bodies are concerned

that Britain's "sport for all" tra-

They include weightlifting,

search for new sporting super-

Mr Fox, chairman of the Modern Pentathlon Association of Great Britain, said: "We don't all want to watch or play football. People need a sport that suits their own temperament. If we just leave ourselves with a handful of major sports it will be a major disservice to the country."

The Sports Council has designated a dozen élite sports, including football, cricket, rugby, athletics and hockey for priority treatment as part of a new culture of excellence.

But Lord Howell, the former Labour sports minister, warned that it was a foolish policy to ignore the potential of minor sports. "This policy of picking

ditions are being lost amid the out élite sports in the belief that out this mess. With the previthey will win medals is misguided. Medals come from unusual sources, often from the minor sports.

Gillian Harrison, chief executive of the English Volleyball Association, said the sport's grant had been slashed from £100,000 to £50,000, meaning it could no longer employ Ralph Hippolyte, the national coach of the Great Britain team. The future of the British beach volleyball team is also under threat.

Nigel Hook, technical services director of the Central Council for Physical Recreation, the national association for the governing bodies of sport and recreation, said: "It will require a major feat from the new minister of sport to sort

ous administration the focus was sharply on the élite sports. The consequence was that the Cinderella sports have been left to sink or swim.

Because the Sports Council has been split into five separate entities (United Kingdom, Eng-land, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland), many amateur sports are unable to cope with the bureaucracy involved in making applications for funding.

The Department of National Heritage said that Mr Banks was looking for opportunities to streamline the system but defended the amount of bureaucracy on the grounds that the £11m in grant aid for sports governing bodies was public money and must be accounted for.

# Battle of logos as unions attempt to outfly BA

Barrie Clement

British Airways will be embroiled in a highly embarrassing "battle of the logos" this week when it replaces its "world's favourite airline" slogan.

As BA launches a new aircraft livery - partly designed by David Hockney - and reveals its new catchphrase "serving the world community", union leaders will disclose their own motto: "serving world labour - building global solidarity".

The public relations battle

centres on the threat of industrial action by 18,000 cabin crew and ground staff mainly at Heathrow and Gatwick which is seen as a critical dispute for the

future of industry worldwide. The Transport and General Workers' Union has recruited the help of the International Transport Workers' Federation, which represents aviation



Battle of the logos: The

unions in 120 countries, and is determined to detract from the 'Coca Cola image" they claim BA is trying to promote.

Stuart Howard, Secretary of the Civil Aviation section of the ITF, said it was ironic that the company was promoting the idea of service to the world community when it was not concerned with the community which worked for the airline. More than 9,000 cabin crew

are being balloted on a new pay and productivity package which union leaders believe will mean members working longer hours for less money. Voting forms are also going out tomorrow ton similar number of ground staff over a plan to sell off the catering department at Heathrow. The results of the ballots are due at the end of this mouth.

At the heart of union concerns is a fear that the company's insistence on saving £1bn a year by 2000 is part of a strategy to create a "virtual airline". George Ryde, airline official for the TGWU, said: "We believe BA is trying to become less

of an airline operator than a company which makes travel

The ITF believes that if BA succeeds in pushing through plans to contract out its services, then other major airlines will follow suit.

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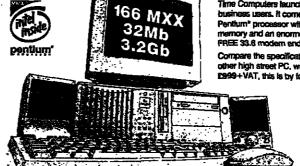
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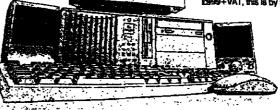
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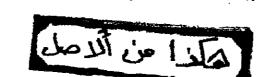
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# The tide is turned for Dam Buster bombs

Army engineers yesterday successfully recovered the last of four prototypes of the

bouncing bombs used in the Dam Busters raid. The army team, including bomb disposal experts and Territorial Army soldiers, retrieved the four-ton bomb from the sea off the Kent

coast where it was dropped 50 years ago. The homb was rolled on to the shore at Reculver, then attached by steel cables to a buildozer before being winched further up the beach to be loaded on to a lorry. Attempts to haul the bomb in on Saturday night were defeated by the incoming tide.

Captain Alan Conroy. Army liaison officer, said: "In the end we rolled it in by hand. Ten men at a time took it in turns to push the device and the Royal Engineers have beaten the tide. King Canute couldn't do it but we did.

The bomb is in extremely good condition. Some of the original paintwork is still visible

and there is very little rust."

The bomb was the biggest of the four recovered and the furthest from the shore. Invented by Barnes Wallis, the bouncing bombs were used to destroy dams in Germany's industrial heartland, the Ruhr Valley, in 1943. The attack was celebrated in the 1954 film, The Dam Busters, starring Michael Redgrave and Richard Todd.

Reculver was chosen for testing the bombs because the twin towers of an old fort on the coastline were similar to the towers of the Ruhr dams which the pilots used to line themselves up on their bombing run.

The devices recovered also include a 1,800lb High Ball bomb, and two 1,200lb versions of the Upkeep bomb developed to target battleships. Heralded as an important part of military history, the bombs will be cleaned up Photograph: Paul Hackett/Reuters before being put on display.

# Bruton deposed as Ahern takes reins of power

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Ireland's centre left Government last night conceded defeat to Bertie Ahern's Fianna Fail party and its Progressive Democrat allies, who will depend for a slender Dail majority on a handful of Independents.

sults left Mr Åhern with sufficient support to be elected Taoiseach when the Dail resumes on 26 June. He now faces two weeks of hard bargaining with Independents to guarantee their votes.

Last night, Fianna Fail (FF) had 76 seats, Fine Gael 53. Labour 17, Progressive Democrats 4, Democratic Left 4, Greens 2, Sinn Fein 1, and In-dependents 7. The final seat, in Limerick West, was expected to be won by Fine Gael.

Mr Ahern avoided the worstcase scenario of having to rely for support on Caoimhghin O'Caolain, elected as Sinn Fein's first Dail TD (MP) since IRA hunger strikers won in 1981 and before that four abstentionist candidates in 1957. Such a reliance would have

poisoned his government's dealings with Unionists. It would also have been difficult for Mr Ahern's new-right partners, the Progressive Democrats, to tolerate. After dropping their Dail abstentionist policy in 1986, Sinn Fein's new TD for Cavan-Monaghan will take up his seat, unlike Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness at Westminster.

Mr Ahern, 45, a former hospital accountant and union organiser, has led Fianna Fail since Albert Reynolds resigned in 1994. He said he may make contact this week with Sinn

press for an early end to IRA violence. But he reiterated his position that once in power he would not meet Sinn Fein un-

til a ceasefire was in place. The Fianna Fail leader said prospects for progress in Northern Ireland were "tremendous", adding "but when you go round back to the position that it's very hard to get anywhere as long as

"They [Sinn Fein] have stated in [recent] elections that their's is a peace strategy. I think they have to prove that now." If republicans "proved their

#### Loyalists invade Catholic church

The dangerous state of community relations in Northern Ireland was illustrated yet again at the weekend when a loyalist mob stormed a Catholic church and attempted to set fire to it, writes David McKarick

Some 27 RUC officers were injured in disturbances which centred around a loyalist band parade in Bally-mena, Co Antrim. Police fired plastic bullets to disperse crowds and made

several arrests.
Nearby, vandals attacked the grave of Gregory Taylor, the RUC officer who was last weekend kicked to death by loyalists in a neighbouring town. Wreaths were scattered around the cemetery and gloating graffiti has ap-

The incidents indicate that sectarian temperatures are high as a tense marching season approaches.

"everything I humanly can" to move the process forward.

Outgoing ministers predicted a short life for the new coalition. Dependent in Dail votes on Independents in Donegal and Kerry South with strong republican views, this could create internal strains over Northern Ireland

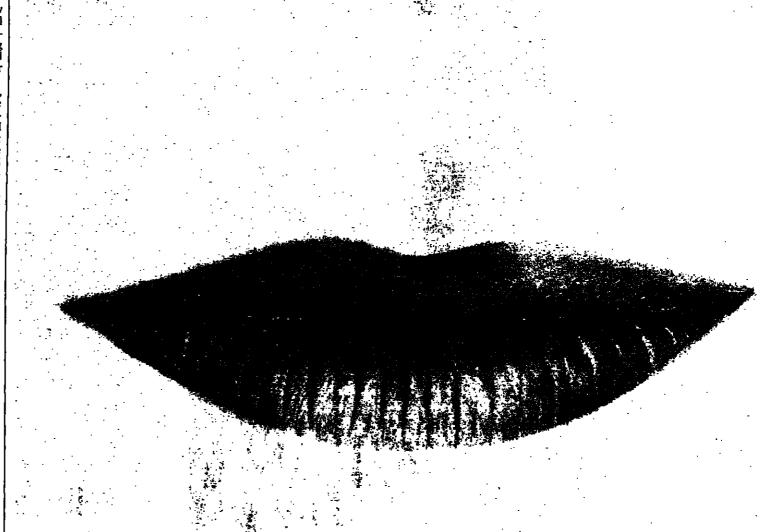
Labour leader Dick Spring who said he would remain at the helm unless his party said otherwise, warned: "It seems hard to see a stable government emerging. There is going to be difficulty." He predicted Dail turbulence over abortion legislation, Northern Ireland, the payments to politicians inquiry and media ownership.

Ingenious vote control, ex-ploiting the proportional representation system to the full, enabled Fianna Rail to win many more seats than in 1992 on just 39 per cent of first-preference votes, in what was still its secondworst overall vote since 1932.

Though losing power, Mr Bruton emerged with enhanced stature after articulating a more visionary message in the campaign. Yesterday, he claimed there had been a "mind yourself" vote for the FF-PD coalition. Urging social cohesion, he warned that urban decay would not be remedied by tax-cutting "short-termism" under Fianna Fail and the PDs. "Irish people are not basically interested in di-

visive 'grab-all' politics."

Attacked widely for their allegedly Thatcherite views, the Progressive Democrats fared badly, losing more than half their TDs. Some observers believe Mr Ahem might have won a majority but for his pact with the PDs.



# Police powerless over paedophile's threat made public. Karen Cleary, Kanka, a seven-year-old raped

Clare Garner

Parents in Merseyside were stunned at the revelation yesterday that a convicted paedophile who has threatened to reoffend could be returned to their community next week.

The man has told police he is likely to commit a further offence but they cannot act until he does so. The case has renewed calls for the introduction in Britain of Megan's Law, adopted by 42 states in America, which compels authorities to notify parents if a paedophile moves into their locality.

Parents shopping in Huyton, the Liverpool district where the man lived in a hostel prior to his recent detention, demanded that his identity be

said: "We should be able to see a picture of him and be told where he lives. There are lots of children living around here and they do play out and hang around outside all the time. It is very frightening for parents."

In 1990 the paedophile was sentenced to nine years jail at Manchester Crown Court for the rape and sexual assault of a 10-year-old girl. He was released after six years but arrested last month for breach of the peace. He is being detained under the Mental Health Act for 28 days and is due to be re-

the introduction of a Megan's about any danger to them and Law, so-named after Megan their children," he said.

who has a three-year-old son, and murdered by a convicted paedophile who moved into the New Jersey street where she lived. They fear that identified paedophiles - or those mistaken for them - would be the target of vigilantes. Paedophiles, they say, would be driven underground where police and social workers would be unable to

monitor their activities. Fr Michael Lee, of St Columba Catholic Church, Huyton, said he would be praying for the protection of all children. "If these people can be helped, then we should try to stop them doing these awful things. But I leased in eight days time.

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# Headhunting returns to the

he jungle makes quick work of flesh, and it is four months since these were human beings. But human they still recognisably are - beneath the encroaching undergrowth, and the artificial fibres of the cheap clothes, are

arms, legs and vertebrae.

Here, jutting out of a pair of stained shorts, is a pelvis, and above it, a nest of curved ribs. above it, a nest of curved ribs. There are five skeletons and their clothes show that all were women. Only one thing is missing; none of the skeletons have skulis. And, according to the rubber tappers who brought us here, there was something else strange about these bodies, before the jungle gnawed their flesh away. Apart from the absence of heads, each had deep wounds through which their wounds through which their hearts had been removed.

A few minutes of hacking A new minutes of nacking through the jungle leads to a pair of skulls beneath a tree, along with traces of baby clothes. Five minutes further on, just off road leading into the small town of Salation is the sattlement of Salatiga, is the settlement where these people might once have lived. The small tin-roofed mosque is untouched, but around it is a scene of devastation: house after house - simple wood and plaster bungalows, once the homes of migrant farmers, rubber tappers and gold prospectors - has been re-duced to charred beams, molten glass and corrugated iron.

The destruction is eerily se-The destruction is early se-lective. Further down the road one house stands untouched amid a neighbourhood of ruins. In the centre of Salatiga itself, the town goes peacefully about its business. Customers shelt from the sun at a little restaurant, and a fruit truck is loaded with ripe durians. On the other side of the road, facing this picturesque activity, is a burned black expanse, where some 30 houses must once have stood.

Such incongruous scenes are repeated all along this road which links Pontianak, the capital of Indonesia's West Kalimantan province, with the inner reaches of Borneo, one of the world's biggest and most impenetrable islands. Even now Salatiga, along with dozens of statements of the salatiga along with salatiga along with dozens of salatiga, along with the inner salatigation of salatiga. looks like the scene of a recent war. But four months ago, according to local people interviewed last week by The Independent, the situation was

Exclusive -

Richard Lloyd Parry witnesses the ethnic horrors in Kalimantan

Headless, mutilated bodies of men, women and even children lay alongside the road. Skeletons sprawled in the ruins of the smoking houses. Gangs of local Dayak tribesmen, wearing T-shirts and war paint, carrying spears and swords as well as rifles, patrolled the jungle, hunting down the fugitive remnants of the Madurese settlers whose houses they had torched. Those whom they did catch up with, like the wretched women now lying in the jungle, were shot or stabbed, and then decapitated. Then, according to witnesses, their hearts were pulled from their warm bodies and eaten.

Such accounts, along with these photographs obtained by The independent from a local amateur photographer, repre-sent the first firm evidence of what until now has been little more than shocking rumour, an ethnic war, of scarcely imaginable savagery. in Indonesia, one of Asia's most powerful economies and the fourth largest nation in the world.

It has claimed hundreds, per-haps thousands of lives, and made thousands more homeless. For the government in Jakarta, which virtually denies its existence, it is a nightmare in a country of 200 million people and 300 ethnic groups, founded on the motto, "Unity

eirdest of all, it demonstrates the extraordinary sur-vival of tribal traditions which were assumed to have died out generations ago. Apart from its human cost, this is a war terrifying in its atavism, fought according to ancient and merciless traditions of head hunting, cannibalism and witchcraft, just a couple of hours' drive from a modern city of banks.

even more obscure settlements, tury as the archetypal Victori-looks like the scene of a recent an "savages". For thousands of years, before the arrival of Dutch and British colonists. they dominated Borneo, a scattered collection of tribes who lived in communal longhouses,

practised a form of animism. and survived by hunting, and by slash and burn agriculture.

More sensational, to the Victorian mind, was the habit among Dayak men of driving metal pins through their penises Dayak warriors increased their prestige, and brought good luck to their villages, by collecting the heads of rival tribes in ritualised. set-piece raids. The victim's heart, brains, and blood were believed to bestow potency on those who consumed them, and the heads were preserved and

The Dayaks' bloodier traditions were outlawed by the in the only way they know how."

Christian colonists and since

the defeat of the Japanese in

1945, they have been full citizens

of the Republic of Indonesia.

Today Dayaks keep their penis

pins hidden beneath jeans and

T-shirts. Most longhouses have

been replaced by simple homes

of wood and plaster. Every

community has at least one

church, but despite their su-

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Above all, Dayaks remain

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have been claimed or forcibly purchased for industrial forestry, rubber and mining projects.

"Day by day, the Dayaks are being driven away," says Stephanus Djueng, director of the Institute of Dayakology Research and Development in Pontianak. "It's more than 50 years since Indonesia became independent but the education of Dayaks is very much less than the average because they can't earn decent incomes. They don't have the chance to study, so they can't enter official positions. They have no opportunities, and they're putting things right

burnings and for violent inci-dents during last month's election campaign. Madurese transmigrants are accused of occupying Dayak land, often as part of official government resettle-

ment programmes, but the differences run deeper than that. The Madurese are proud bearers of curved sickles; Dayak tradition abhors the public flaunting of blades. The Dayaks bunt and rear pigs, the Madurese are strict Muslims. Tension and occasional violence between the two are as old as the first Madurese arrivals in Kalimantan, early this century, but never on

It began on 30 December

when a couple of young Dayaks were stabbed, apparently by

Madurese, at a concert in the

town of Sanggauledo, close to

the border with Malaysian

Sarawak. News of the attack

spread and over the next four

days some 5,000 Dayaks at-

tacked and burned Madurese

homes. At least 6,000 people

fled to the coastal town of

Singkawang, but the numbers of

(like all witnesses of killings, his

dead are unknown.

"They were wailing like Indians in a Western, Whoo-woo-woowoo'. One of them was carrying a head, and another guy came up to me holding something that looked like a piece of wet tongue. He said, This is a heart,' and raised it to his mouth and started eating it in front of my face."

Officials from Pontianak and leaders of the two communities hastily beat out a peace agree-ment, but on 29 January violence blew up again, when a Dayak school was burned down in a predominantly Madurese area of Pontianak. Two Dayak girls were stabbed and cars travelling through towns north. of Pontianak were stopped by Madurese and a handful of Dayak motorists were lynched.

Dayak outrage expressed itself in ritual form, as the "Red Bowl's was passed round from village to village. "The Red Bowl is a symbol of communi-cation, used to call people to war in a time of emergency," says Fr Yeremis, a Dutch priest Menjalin for 16 years.

"The leaders came up with three conditions. Not to burn down any mosques; not to burn any state-owned buildings; and no looting. They only killed Madurese, not Javanese or Malays. They wanted to emphasise that their grievance was with the people, not with Islam or the government, and that they were not criminals. Apart from that they killed without properties. without exception - from chick-ens to old people to babies. No

exceptions at all."
Crowds of Dayaks gathered spontaneously with spears, home-made guns, and a traditional machete called a mandau. Tribal generals, called panglima, addressed the war parties who were observed by onlookers to enter a kind of trance. According to traditional belief, this is explained by the presence in their bodies of chaotic war spirits called teriu. The only thing which will appease the teriu is

Andreus, a Catholic priest human blood and heads. Sabdi, a Dayak teacher from name has been changed to pro-Salatiga, described the spectacle when the war party arrived on the morning of 1 February. tect his identity), was in the town of Semelantan on New Year's Day. "The Dayaks started com-"I was watching from my beding into the market square. room when about 1,000 Dayaks about 1.000 of them," he says. arrived in town. A lot of the

Madurese had already run away, but about 50 stayed behind to defend their houses. Three of them got shot — Sinem. This Marsuli, and another man. Dayaks cut their heads off with swords. Then they cut open their backs and pulled unitable

hearts, and they ate the hearts, and they ate the hearts and drank the blood."
For four days, Dayaks heart ed down Madurese hiding in the jungle. One man, a settler spin Java who was spared by the Dayaks believes that over the course of five days he sawas many as 60 heads and dozzas de

decapitated bodies.
Stephanus Dineng's research
leads him to believe that some
300 Madurese died in Salama alone, and perhaps 1.786 cluding 100 Dayaks, lost fixed lives in the conflict. Fr. Yereng estimate is 4,000 dead. The

ven according to the difficial figures, soule 2,500 houses were do 2 stroyed before mid-February, when the local military, reinforced by the units from other parts of Indonesia, finally brought the situation under control Road. blocks and landmines were deployed to prevent Dayaks reaching the large Madurese community in Pontianak. Jour-nalists who tried to enter the affected area were arrested and sent back. The border with Malaysia was closed (to prevent Dayaks from Sarawak coming to the assistance of their Indonesian brethren), and a news blackout was imposed on hos-

pitals and police stations.

The official line, explained by Captain SW Suhadi of the West Kalimantan police, is that the riots were individual squabbles. which got out of hand, with the encouragement of mysterious 'third parties". "It is finished," he said last week. "It was based on misunderstanding between the two communities, and it's: absolutely finished."

Others are not so sure. Last Tuesday evening on the outskirts of Salatiga, two Dayak men approached carrying torches, rifles, and swords. They laughed when they saw our faces. "We thought you were Madurese," they said. What if we had been Madurese, we asked. "We would have killed you, of course. All the Madurese must leave Kalimantan. Not one of them may stay."-



Rotting clothes lie in the jungle as a reminder of slaughtered Madurese villagers

Overwhelmingly, West Kali-mantan is owned, administered,

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A human skeleton (main picture) found in a burnt-out house used as a hiding place by Madurese during attacks by Dayaks, seen gathering (top) in Senakin village for war, many coming from the Bornean interior, carrying wooden spears, rifles, mandau (swords) and arrows. Dayak members of the regional parliament attempted to pacify the crowd, and urged them to return to their villages, but some stayed to look for

Madurese. The charred remains of Madurese homes (above) on the road between Salatiga and Mandor, burnt in the

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election. 3 June: Dayaks tell The Independent they will not rest until every Madurese is

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leaders make a peace agreement 29 January 1997: A Dayak school in Siantan, a Madurese suburb of Pontianak, is set on fire. Two Dayak girls are stabbed in their beds. 30-31 January: At least three Dayaks are lynched at Madurese checkpoints in Peniraman, 32km north of Pontianak The Red Bowl of war, a ritual symbol of

8 January 1997: Dayak and Madurese

war, is passed among the Dayaks 1 February: Madurese burn Dayak houses in Salatiga. Dayaks across the region burn Madurese houses and kill heir inhabitants 1-4 February: Dayak war parties hunt down and kill hundreds of Dayaks in

the jungle areas around Salatiga. Mandor, Pahauman and Ngabang, adjoining the road to Pontianal 3 February: Unconfirmed reports that 17 Dayaks were killed trying to break through an army roadblock at Sungai

5 February Military reinforcements arrive. Malaysia closes its land border with West Kalimantan Military roadblocks set up and curfew imposed

on Pontianak. 18 February: Dayak officials announce a "peace agreement".

22 February: Dayaks burn 60 Madurese houses in Capkal Mandor, 60km north of Pontianak 4 April: West Kalimantan governor Aspar Aswin asserts in the Jakarta Post that "there are no problems between the Dayaks and Madurese".

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# A taste for the flesh of humans

lan Burrell

Despite lasting images of mis-sionaries being cooked and eaten alive in Africa, the practice of eating the flesh of other hu-mans as a staple diet no longer exists even among tribal societies. Forms of ritual cannibalism

still survive in the Amazon, where Mundurucu headhunters are known to cat the flesh of outsiders, and in the Irian delta in Indonesian New Guinca (Irian Jaya) where the Asmat eat dead members of their own

tribe as a rite of passage. Reports of head-hunting and cannibalism of one tribe by another are extremely rare and difficult to substantiate.

Last year, Liberians caught up in fighting in the West African nation's civil war reported that teenage members of the rebel United Liberation Movement had cut out and eaten the hearts of their enemies after cooking them.

During the Chinese Cultural Revolution in 1968 people were reported to have been eaten in the town of Wuxuan, south-west China, during clashes between rival factions of the Red Guard.

balism have been prompted by circumstance, such as pro-longed famine. The former Soviet Union has a shameful record in this regard, with the first cases being recorded in the Volga region during the famine

When millions died of starvation in Ukraine during the 1930s some resorted to ambushing strangers and children for food.

Since the collapse of the Soviet Union the problem has resurfaced with more than 10 Russians being charged with killing and cating their victims. They included prisoners who ate fellow convicts and a Siberian man who used the flesh of a friend to make ravioli.

Other instances of cannibalism have been linked to acts of depravity, usually due to insanity. The term "cannibal" is derived from the Carib people who were native to the islands of the Caribbean, and were said by

European explorers to have a

preference for Frenchmen and a detestation for Spaniards. William Arens, an American professor of anthropology, dismisses the suggestion that whole societies were ever can-

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# Fury as Israel labels US Jews second class

Patrick Cockburn Jerusalem

A law labelling most American Jews as inadequately Jewish is throwing strain on relations between Israel and the powerful American Jewish community.

The point at issue is the right to convert someone to Judaism. A law now passing through the Israeli Knesset, which gives Orthodox rabbis a monopoly over conversion in Israel itself, has provoked a furious reaction from America's three million Jews who go to a synagogue but are not Orthodox.

"American Jews understand that the State of Israel is casting doubt upon their rabbis and accordingly, upon the Jew-ish communities those rabbis serve," says Joseph Alpher, di-rector of the Israel/Middle East office of the American Jewish Community. He says that already American Jews, who go to Reform or Conservative rather than Orthodox synagogues, are beginning to refuse to contribute to Israel, where the majority of Jews are Orthodox.

Ironically, the present Bill going through the Knesset with the support of the government is the result of a compromise which American Jews. It is, in effect. more Jews converted by a Re- ence in President Clinton's

the US would no longer have been recognised as Jews in Israel. The way Reform rabbis convert in the US is a joke," a senior member of the religious party Shas was quoted as saying.
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The new law will only derecognise Reform or Conservative conversions carried out in Israel itself. Conversions in the US, Britain and the rest of the world will still be recognised. Even Orthodox rabbis see that derecognition of the right to convert by most American rabbis would lead to anger in the US, but American Jews still consider the

legislation a slap in the face. The conflict is also having important political consequence Mr Alpher argues that the US Congress has already set a precedent by cutting aid to Israel. Despite the power of the Jewish political lobby, he says American politicians notice when the US Jewish Community is less active in its support

pressure on Israel."

In practice there is little sign of this. The American-Jewish was supposed to conciliate community has always been one of the major pillars of the a watered-down version of a Bill Democratic party. But it has exunder which the 200,000 or ercised unprecedented influ-

form or Conservative rabbi in administrations."In the National Security Council seven out of 11 top staffers are Jews, says the Israeli daily Ma'artv.

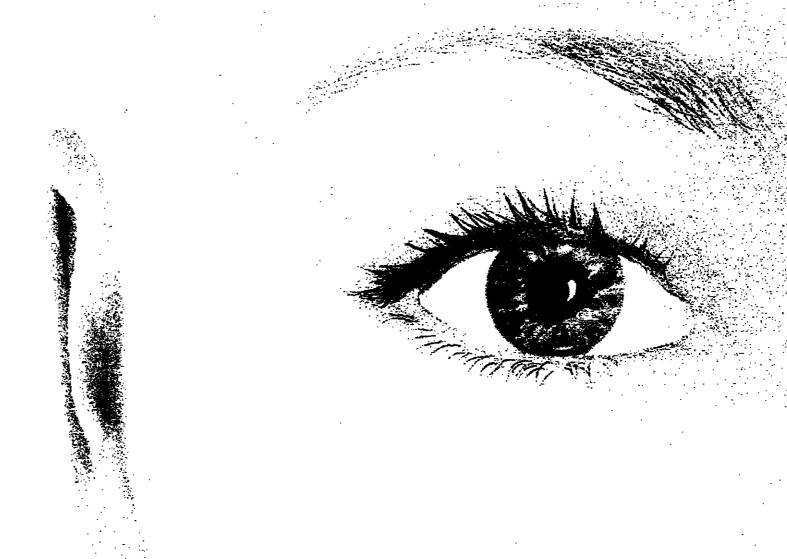
But Israel has few allies apart from the US. In the UN vote condemning the construction of the Jewish settlement at Har Homa in Jerusalem, the only country joining Israel and the US voting against the condemnation was Micronesia.

Leaders of the US Reform and Conservative movements will arrive in Israel this week to try to work out a compromise. But it will be difficult to dilute the message to American Jews. which one fundraiser described as being: "You are not as good



At least 39 people died as fire swept through an 11th-century Hindu temple at Thanjauvr in Tamil Nadu, southern India, at the weekend, who thousands of pilgrims had gathered for a religious festival. The blaze is believed to have started from a ceremonial fire

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# Besieged by a fortress mentality

I can see it quite clearly amid And more and more are choosthe trees below the window of my office. Just outside the fence that rings our apartment block, there is a burnt-out black Mercedes. Local gossip has it that the vehicle was destroyed by a Molotov cocktail hurled through the windscreen by a

vengeful mafia man. To the knot of Russian men who have gathered to inspect the wreckage, its sooty hulk is a familiar reminder of the perils of doing business with the wrong people. But to outsiders like me it also suggests that it is a good thing that we have a fence. Though most are delightful, not all of the neighbours should be invited in for after-

Like many expatriates in Moscow, I live in a peculiarly protected environment. The entrances to our monolithic complex, built by the Soviet authorities to coop up foreign diplomats and journalists, are blocked by barriers overlooked by guard posts. Security men wander rather aimlessly around the pavements along the foot of the building. The doors can only be opened by a code: they stand next to a small glass booth, usually occupied by a middle-aged woman who

watches visitors come and go. Excessive though this snooping often seems, there is some justification. Over the years, there have been muggings and

Such is the general mood of unease that several neighbours have taken to employing their own muscle. For a while, every time I walked up the stairs to the office an oaf would dart out from an adjoining corridor, where he was guarding a businessman's flat, and give me a hostile glare - presumably to deter me from contemplating a bombing mis-sion. Happily, he's gone; but there are bound to be others.

Concern about safety is hardly surprising in a city in which bankers and other businessmen are assassinated with such regularity that their deaths are barely commented upon. A thriving criminal class has filled the vacuum created by the end of the Soviet empire and bungled economic reforms. Not to take sensible precautions would be daft. But in Moscow, a deeper trend is underway, the flowering of an obsession.

By today's standards, our apartment block is positively lax. Those with money - Western executives and newly-enriched Russians - have a widening choice of fortresses in which they can seal themselves off.

It can cost \$8,000 (£4,900) a month to live in Park Place, a US-managed complex in south Moscow, but there are plenty of people willing to shell out for an apartment in this privatelyrun Kremlin, in which the passageways are monitored by cameras and security men with earpieces roam the building.

There is no compelling need to go beyond its thick concrete walls, unless it is to work. It has restaurants, cocktail bar, tennis court, nursery school, gym, courier service, shops, bank, travel agent's, and more besides. The owners of luxury cars need not worry about fire bombs or the corrosive effect of freezing winters, as there is a heated underground car park. According to a friend who lives there, one of the residents remained indoors for so long that her small child never saw Russian grass.

All this is, of course, repeating a depressing pattern that has divided society in the United States, South Africa and - increasingly - western Europe. Take, for example, my old stamping ground in Los Angeles. Desperate to attract advertising in a dismally regulated multi-channel world, the local television stations churn out bloody-thirsty, and often wildly exaggerated, stories about crime. The motto among competing news executives is chilling, but

accurate: "If it bleeds, it leads." Bombarded by this gore, the population has grown daily more terrified and distrustful of itself. Those with cash buy more guns and try to hide behind lock and key. Thus, the rise of the gated community - entire vil-lages built behind high walls and electronic barriers.

In Russia, the same process is beginning without the catalyst of a hysterical ratingscrazed news media. If tabloid television ever arrives, it will have plenty of material with which to whip up an even greater froth of fear. During one recent weekend five women were stabbed in Moscow: 22 people died after drinking fake vodka in the Siberian city of Krasnovarsk: and 10 Russian soldiers were gunned down af-ter one of their colleagues flipped. You see, the country is at times wild and lawless. But it won't get any better if its elite over-reacts and withdraws from it entirely, cowering from realhermetically-scaled hutches.

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# Fears over euro plans reach fever pitch

Katherine Butler Luxembourg

Uncertainty over the new French government's economic policies raised speculation about the future of plans for a single currency to fever pitch as European finance

ninisters gathered last night in Luxembourg for crucial talks. Before their meeting ends tonight the 15 ministers will have to reaffirm their unswerving commitment to the launch of a strong euro on 1 January 1999 to dispel doubts cast by the Socialist victory in the French elections and hy Germany's budgetary crisis. Any sign of cracks will be seized on by the markets as confirmation either that a delay is inevitable or that the euro will be launched on time as a weak currency. But even as they ar-rived in Luxembourg - officially for a dinner to discuss designs for the eight euro coins - there was still no

EU waits on decision from France

All eyes will be on Dominique and to agree economic policy for the Union. Any unravelling of Strauss Kahn, the new French Finance Minister who will be asked today to clarify whether he is serious about pre-election job creation promises which would clearly be in conflict with the expenditureslashing criteria enshrined in the Maastricht treaty. He will also he grilled on France's commitment to the stability pact, which will ensure strict budgetary austerity in the curo zone after the launch.

Mr Jospin has floated signals that he wants to unstitch agreement on the rules of the pact, negotiated painstakingly in Dublin last December, to allow more emphasis on employment. The Socialist government also wants a commitment to a "stability counclear statement from Paris on the act as a political counterweight to cil of euro zone governments to

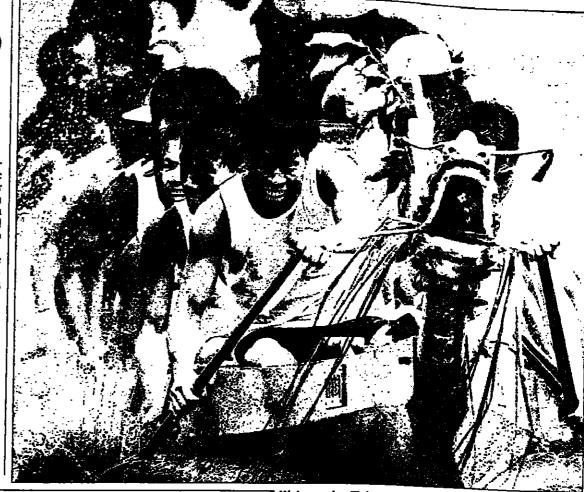
Jospin government's intentions. the new European central bank, the stability pact rules at this stage could, however, sound the death knell for the credibility of the euro.

Diplomats pointed hopefully to by the French for a reopening of stability pact negotiations but admitted that backsliding now could be fatal. "Meeting the Emu deficit targets by the end of this year is one thing but the stability pact is criti-cal – it is what will give the whole thing credibility and cohesion ... If you don't have that you can throw your hat at it." said one source.

Germany masterminded the stability pact as a system of semiautomatic fines to be inflicted on member states who fail to maintain the fiscal rectitude Bonn has always deemed imperative if the

euro is to offer the German pub-lic a credible alternative to the mark. It is due to be rubber stamped by the European Union heads of government meeting in Amsterdam in 10 days, so it would be a race against the clock to rewrite the rules at this stage.

Theo Waigel, the German finance minister who designed the stability pact, will also have to set minds at rest today as to whether Bonn itself can meet the Emu entry conditions on time. He is meeting European colleagues for the first time since the debacle over his plans to revalue Germany's gold reserves and use the profits to plug a gaping hole in the budget deficit. Mr Waigel's humiliation at the hands of the Bundesbank which forced him to drop the plan has seriously damaged his credibility and robbed Germany of the moral high ground in the debate over which member states should be allowed to join



Waterwork: Fisherman taking part in a dragon boat race near Cheung Chau, a Hong Kong island, yesterday as part of the celebrations marking today's Chinese

# Italian peace force tortured Somalis

**Andrew Gumbel** 

During the Gulf War, the joke about the Italian contingent in Operation Desert Storm was that they were providing the icecream trucks. In Gabriele Salvatore's film Mediterraneo, the Italian troops invading Greece are portrayed as warm-hearted young fellows who want nothing more than to play football with the locals.

For 50 years, the post-war generation in Italy has liked to think of its armed forces as "brava gente", nice guys who will stop at nothing to help old ladies and children in trouble but probably don't have the stomach for the brutal business of war. This weekend, that myth has been shattered by horrifying photographs published in two news magazines that tell a singularly musty story about Italian paratroopers attached to the UN peace mission to Somalia in 1993.

Young Somalis are shown stripped naked, beaten and wired up with electrodes attached to their testicles. Somali prisoners are shown being hooded and tied up before having cigarette butts stubbed out on their naked flesh.

One former paratrooper who sold the most graphic photos to Panorama magazine. Michele Patruno, says such mistreatment of Somalis was, for a time, routine in his regiment. the Folgore, one of the most fa-

mous in Italy. Prisoners were denied all food and drink except hot peppers, beaten, burned and electrocuted. On patrols, the men from Folgore would van-dalise families' water supply and destroy the house if they found so much as a single bullet inside.

What began as a paranoid fear of clan violence turned into "pure sadism". Mr Patruno said. Prisoners were even thrown against razor wire for the amusement of their captors. Mr Patruno said he had heard of about five or six deaths as a direct result of torture.

The revelations have acted like a bombshell in Italy, prompting a number of indicial and internal investigations and one call by a small government party to disband the Folgore regiment. The Folgore has a reputation for lingering pro-Fascist tendencies, which in turn have caused concern about its present involvement in the Italian-led mission in Albania. The Somalis have reacted en-

ergetically to the scandal, opening law suits on 43 cases of alleged human rights violations, including 11 murders and 19 instances of torture. Interviewed in Mogadishu by Agence France Presse, one garage owner called Ahmed Mo-ah Mohammed described being hooded, tortured and thumped with sandbags by the Italians. "They used me like an ashtray,"

he said, showing the burn marks

still visible on his body.

# **Turkish general admits** war on Kurds continuing

General Cevik Bir, Turkey's second highest-ranking military official contradicted the Prime Minister yesterday and said a three-week-old offensive against Kurdish rebels in northern Iraq was continuing.

The contrasting statements reflected the deep and growing division between the armed forces and the government of Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan, who is trying to put a greater Muslim stamp on Turkish society.
Up to 50,000 troops, backed by tanks and airpower. crossed the border on 18 May to wipe out rebel bases in

# Hell's Angel held over shooting

A Hell's Angel was arrested yesterday and charged in connection with the killing of a rival Bandidos biker gang member outside a popular northern Denmark restaurant.

Three other Bandidos were wounded, two of them seriously, but were said to be in stable condition. The arrested man, whose name was not released, was the owner of a car used in the shooting in Liseleje, a summer resort 27 miles north of Copenhagen. AP - Copenhagen

### Israel forces settlement issue

Israeli and Palestinian negotiators met yesterday to try to revive stalled peace talks, but the session began only after Israel extracted a denial of reports it had agreed to a freeze on building Jewish settlements. The meeting between teams led by Palestinian Saeb Erekat and Israel's Dani Naveh was overshadowed by what had or had not been promised to bring it about.

# US offers Kabila olive branch

The United States will offer Congo's new government military co-operation as an incentive to maintain human rights standards, US officials said yesterday. President Laurent Kabila, agreed this weekend to allow UN officials to investigate alleged refugee massacres. AP - Kinshasa





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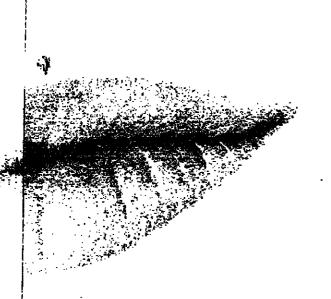
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# Bouquet of Bard wire

Helena Kaut-Howson doesn't go in for traditional tourist-pleasers. Her latest production, 'All's Well That Ends Well', for the Open Air Theatre in Regent's Park, is no exception. It is set in a contemporary war zone. By Adrian Turpin

magine that you lived in an enchanted dell. Celestial music plays in the trees. Mischievous but benign spirits frolic. Life is sweet and straightforward. Then one morning you awake to discover that the fairies at the bottom of the garden have been joined by a military jeep, hand grenades, thundering explosions and the shell-shocked inhabitants of a war zone resembling the former Yugoslavia. How

would that make you feel?

The answer is: a little bit like the staff of the Open Air Theatre in Regent's Park, faced with Helena Kaut-Howson's new production of All's Well That Ends Well. It's perhaps too easy to mock London's perhaps too easy to mock London's premiere al fresco theatre for being the home of "heritage Shakespeare": that's to say, decorous but unchallenging productions of the Bard's best-known works. To his credit, lan Talbot, the company's artistic director, has made a point of introducing Shakespeare's tragedies into the repertory during his 10-year tenure. He has employed thinking actors, such as Judi Dench and Brian Cox, to direct. Nevertheless, the Open Air has never quite shaken off its image of being middlebrow and tourist-oriented. "We don't do A Midsummer Night's Dream every year," protests Talbot, who this year is playing Bottom in the *Dream* for the

Against this background, the appearance of Kaut-Howson is remarkable. A distinctly leftfield artist, who cheerfully calls herself a "foreigner", she delights in the darkness and complexity of Shake-speare's vision. In selecting All's Well, she has lighted upon one of his most obscure plays, and she has chosen to set it in a contemporary military context. What the tourists will make of it is anyone's guess.

In the flesh, Helena Kaut-Howson is five-feet-not-a-lot of Middle European enthusiasm. She came to England as an actress in the mid-Sixties, having been thrown out of Poland for marrying the English son of a Nato admiral, but she hasn't lost the accent. And, then, there's the curious way she injects the odd unidiomatic phrase into her long staccato sentences, a rogue "yet" in place of a "still", or a gratuitous "indeed".

Today, arriving hot-foot from the rehearsal tent, she's wondering about a new addition to her vocabulary. "I have just come across this phrase 'spin doctors'. Who are these spin doctors? They are mysterious people behind who manipulate, I think."

Her Polishness - or at least the fact that she wasn't English - undoubtedly helped her during her immensely successful, if all too brief, reign at the Theatr Clwyd in Mold, North Wales, where, before the management shabbily got rid of her in 1995, she had established a rare reputation for artistic excellence. Sometimes Kaut-Howson's nationality has made itself felt very directly on stage. Her West End transfer of Jane Eyre, for example, juxtaposed the orphanage at Lowood with the Warsaw ghetto. But mostly her upbringing (she was born in Lvov during the Second World War) has informed her work in a more subtle way. "I always see the human situation within the larger context of his-tory or social upheaval," she says. "I never see the life of the individual as abstracted from the historical context."

The death of her father, a Jewish tailor who was murdered by the Nazis. taught her that. Her Marxist mother ("She was a Mother Courage figure") reinforced this lesson time and time again. In contrast to the Poles, "I think the English are very Edwardian. It's in their person old and young. Everyone treasures their beautiful best tea-set. Those values have not been blown to smithereens by the war or the revolution."

If, culturally speaking. Shakespeare is Britain's beautiful best tea-set, then Kaut-Howson hasn't been afraid of breaking a

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cup or two. Her recent King Lear (which is revived at the Young Vic later this month) cast the actress Kathryn Hunter as Lear and framed the action within a nursing home for the elderly. "For that, a lot of critics slapped me on the knuckles." Was that fair? "They're entitled to their opinion. I think the English are rightly very protective about their masterpieces of literature. I don't feel in any way that I've been messing about with King Lear, but I can see how protective they may feel, because when I think about a great Polish classic..."

Not that All's Well is exactly a great English classic. Indeed, the British theatre

seems to have ignored this tragicomedy like you might choose to ignore an embarrassing, scatter-brained aunt. Peter Hall and Trevor Nunn (who re-located the action to the Crimean War) have both had a crack, and still the play hasn't found a niche in the repertoire. The Open Air Theatre has never before staged it in its

65-year history. Its obscurity alone makes All's Well a daring choice for a theatre run on a tiny subsidy - just £10,000 from Westminster Council. And this is in a year when the Open Air faces new competition for the tourist pound from the newly opened Globe (see review below). A German tourist, or the kind of casual theatregoer for whom the play is secondary to the picnic, might be expected to know something about The Dream. Only for visiting academics is All's Well likely to ring any bells.

"I'm not doing it traditionally, mainly because I'm not quite sure what the tradition is," says Kaut-Howson. For her, the play exercises a perennial fascination (this will be the third time she has directed it), although the words she uses to describe it sound like a commercially-minded theatre manager's worst nightmare: "It is a com-plex play, not immediately understandable. Between the main characters, there are puzzling and slightly ambiguous and con-

The dying king of France is saved by Helena, a physician's daughter, and as her reward she is allowed to wed the seemingly gallant young Bertram. Bertram, who is in fact a callous rat, reluctantly accedes to the king's wishes. But, encouraged by the brag-gart Parolles (played by Nigel Planer in this production as a stand-up comedian), he runs away to fight in Italy without consummating the marriage. From there, he writes to tell her that until she is pregnant by him and has in her possession the ring on his finger - "which never shall come off" - she may not call him her husband. Instead of giving up at this point, Helena travels to Italy on a pilgrimage, tricks Bertram into having sex with her under the pretext that she is another woman, and

takes the ring.
"It is difficult," Kaut-Howson admits yet again (if Ian Talbot is eavesdropping, his hair is probably turning grey by now). "Victorian audiences - who formed the basis of our tradition of what is and is not enjoyable in Shakespeare - found it hard to put up with the unsympathetic central character and the central premise of the plot. It is also very difficult" - that word, again - "to believe in the happy ending."
What Kaut-Howson says she finds so compelling about All's Well is "that curious meeting between the fairy-tale and the very caustically, ironically, realistically perceived picture of sexual and other

relations in society".

How well she'll be able to convey this is open to debate. Before any director working at the Open Air Theatre can even begin to think about nuance, there are immense practical problems to be overcome: the cavernous stage, wind-threat-ened acoustics, ridiculously short rehearsal periods and having to share one lighting set-up between two productions (the lights can't be re-focused in daylight hours, and the theatre can't afford the overtime payments needed to re-focus them at night). The size of the auditorium simply does not



Photo: Adrian Dennis

allow for intimate tête-a-têtes, and for a director who has done much of her finest work in tight studio spaces that takes some

But, she adds, her china-doll features lighting up, the outdoor setting does allow her to do justice to the many scenes set in the "war zone". No more little explosions played for jokes: a big arena means big bangs, a full armoury of modern weaponry, and the chance to re-create something of how it feels to live under the constant threat of war. This, she says, she discovered when she witnessed Israel's Yom Kippur war at first hand in 1973.

Even here, where many directors would just sit back and revel in the pyrotechnics, Kaut-Howson is trying to say something about individuals who have become unwittingly enmeshed in history.

"Some people will hate my production, I am sure," she concedes, but she's offering no apologies. "I found at Clwyd that you don't have to speak down to audiences who are perhaps not sophisticated or highbrow. If you are not just being flashy and pretentious but are genuinely fascinated by something, they go along with you. I love that kind of audience. I think it is the proper kind of audience. They kee being gobsmacked." Pronounced with that Polish purt, being "gobsmacked" sounds like the most exalted and exotic state imaginable.

'All's Well That Ends Well' is in rep at the Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park, London
NW1 (0171-486 2431) from tomorrow.
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The Pet Shop Boys have somehow avoided forceful ejection from pop beaven for 12 years now. Until 21 June the pop ironists are nestled in the Savoy Theatre, London, playing a series of concerts entitled "Somewhere". They are the first band to play a residency at a West End theatre, but it's hardly surprising because they have always been more at home with Coward and Wilde than Hendrix and Clapton and their songs have always sounded like they

belong in an unwritten musical. Ironically (what else could it be?) the theatrical setting sees them at their least theatrical. The atmosphere is far more intimate than previous shows; the absence of huge choreographed antics and massive costume changes probably makes this the nearest thing the Pet Shop Boys will get to an unplugged concert.

t the official opening of the reconstructed Globe Theatre, the drumming cast of Henry V moved forward over the rush-strewn apronstage, and Mark Rylance, artistic director and leading actor, intoned those famous lines which here have a resonant self-reference: "May we cram/ Within this wooden O the very casques/ That did affright the air at Agincourt?" Plugs for new venues don't come more

poetic than that.

The first full season has been launched with a pair of productions: Henry V, directed by Richard Olivier, which has gone to a lot of trouble, though to no great interpretative effect, to reproduce original Elizabethan stage practices in the costuming and all-male casting; and David Freeman's staging of The Winter's Tale played on a carpet of red earth and with a tribal African feel to Tom Phillips's striking costurnes and design - which respects the Globe's distinctive architecture but has a freer,

modern approach.

I would have enjoyed the latter production more if I could have seen more of it. Coming between me and complete appreciation was one of the pair of hefty Corinthian pillars that support the canopy roof. Crucial events occurring up stage - like the coming to life of Hermione's statue and Leontes's reaction to it - were blocked off, and I could only get a partial perspective on such novel ideas as having Hermione turn herself into the bear that pursues and consumes Antigonus. One of the joys of the Globe is that there's nothing to stop you from going

### Pop **Pet Shop** Boys Savoy Theatre, London

Initially they play lots of Bsides, as if a serious setting requires serious work from the audience. Then, just as everyone's gearing themselves up for a dance as they play "Go West", they tip straight into the interval. The interval? We wanted to dance. This theatre thing must have gone to the Boys head.

After the interval normal service is resumed. They play "It's a Sin" mixed up in a disco cocktail with "I Will Survive". Neil Tennant tells us it's all right to dance. So we jive in our seats. And we notice Chris Lowe has slipped a bit of drum 'n' bass into the mid section. Albeit quietly, Sylvia Mason James belts out the "I will survive" and Neil's monotone duets with her powerful wail. A mistake he probably won't make again.

Their forthcoming single, "Somewhere", a cover of the West Side Story song, is all disco beats, orchestral strings and epic arrangements which man-

age to sound even bigger than the epic disco of "Go West". Despite all this faceless antipop star treatment and bright arrangements. Neil is equally capable of singing from his heart: for every meaningless "Che Guevara and Debussy to a disco beat" there's the tragedy and Wildean wit of "Whatever fatal points they scored, I have

never been ignored". This tenderness reaches its peak during the encore, when Neil appears with an unwieldy acoustic guitar. He gently strums his way through a tender version of "Rent". It works so perfectly, you wonder why

they haven't done it before. It's the contradictions: disposable beats and intimate clever lyrics that make the Pet Shop Boys appealing. Their selfconscious anti-rock stance is an antidote to whoever happens to be mistreating an electric guitar elsewhere in the charts. And thankfully, Chris standing behind the same Roland synthesizer pretending to produce all these sounds live is still the funniest running gag in showbiz. Booking: 0171-836 8888

Anthony Thornton

# **Theatre** Henry V / The Winter's **Tale** The Globe,

London

walkabout amongst the groundlings and you may say this is what I should have done here. But I had a child with me who would have seen little from that low position in a crowd and, besides, a punter who has paid £18 for a seat shouldn't have to have recourse to such shifting around.

Neither production could be described as inspired. The Winter's Tale has some beautiful touches, particularly in the way it handles transitions. Time. played as a modern, rather posh vagrant with a cider bottle by Nicholas Le Prevost, enters through the groundlings and as he talks of the swift passage of 16 years, Anna-Livia Ryan's adult Perdita magically emerges, fully formed, from the baby bundle left on stage, solicitiously helped up by the Old Shepherd. But, with some admirable exceptions (especially Mr Le Prevost, who doubles as a very funny, jerkily Cleese-like Autolycus), the cast too often opt for a coarse

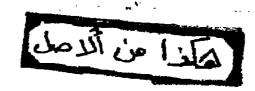
Mark Rylance's excellent performance as Henry V demonstrates that subtlety of psychological shading can be communicated at this theatre.

This actor's total, beautifully unforced rapport with an audience is a wonder to behold (whether he's letting us into Henry's pained sense of kingly burden or extracting exquisite comedy in the wooing scene with Toby Cockerell's delectably coy Katherine) and the Globe provides the ideal arena

This theatre - in the inn-yard intimacy of its architecture and its exposure to the elements (there was torrential rain at the first night of Henry V) - promotes an amazing sense of audience solidarity, and if this weren't a potential liability as well as a strength, then there would be no excitement to it. Listening to the crowd hiss at and boo the dastardly French however, you may wonder if Olivier's handsome but dull production does enough to put such atavistic jingoism into perspective. What will The Merchant of Venice be like at this address?

Behind me at The Winter's Tale, there was a couple glued to a large Complete Works, fol-lowing the text with a fanatical... devotion. Next to me at Henry V, was a young Japanese woman who kept a camera trained on the production throughout as though it were some extended alternative to the Changing of the Guard, A tourist-trap-cum-playpen-lofcranky-academics? The Globe can be infinitely more: and the quickest way to prove this is to let a truly great director loos

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Paul Taylor

# Bed and board Howard's way

oward Hodgson - the man who, in spite of a Lesley Judd meets Kenny Dalglish hairdo, managed to make undertaking quite a bit sexy - was booted out as chief executive of Ronson last week. Actually, he

But if he hadn't resigned, he would have been booted out, so it amounts to much the same thing. And, yes, he is jolly cross. Not so much with what happened, but more with the coverage. As the tabloids had it, Mr Hodgson was asked to stand down because Christine Pickles, the company's corporate development manager, had become his mistress and the other directors did not take kindly to this swashbuckling juxtaposition of boardroom and bedroom. Miss Pickles, it was reported, was even promoted to finance director at one point.

Mr Hodgson very much wishes this story had not gone about.

It's just not true, he cries. Plus it's been very hard on Christine. The idea that this girl got on in the world by getting her

Yes, Christine is his lover. She has been since 1994, since he first joined the company. But he never let it interfere with the running of the business, even abstained when her promotions were voted upon. He says he was asked to resign because, even though he had taken Ronson from a dwindling lighter firm to one which offered "a whole range of male grooming products", the profits were not being realised quickly enough. He was sad to go, he says, but isn't bitter. The non-executive directors who wanted to get shot of him are all very old bankers. "I'll still be going about being brilliant when they're in their boxes," he says.

And it's not as if he exactly needed the job, is it? Or, as he puts it, he made so much money when he sold his funeral empire that even if he never worked again he could still live very nicely and leave "at least £1.5m to each of my children".

What Howard effectively did was take over his family's ailing funeral firm in 1975 and build it into the biggest quoted firm of undertakers in the country. By 1990, Howard Hodgson plc had a capital value of £100m, employed 2,000 people and did 68,000 funerals a year, which meant Howard was burying one in 10 of the nation's dead. He sold his share to a French company in 1991 because, quite frankly, the offer was too good to refuse. He made £7m. He thought he would retire and write books. He did write one book. How To Become Dead Rich, but did not enjoy himself. "I hated it. I'm a team player."

The book was not a roaring success in sales terms. He has a garage full of them. ("If you want a rare Hodgson book, get one that isn't signed.") A copy sits between us on the coffee table. Howard points at it and says: "If you look in the index, you'll actually find more references to Margaret Hilda Thatcher than there are to Howard Hodgson!" Yes, he is very much a classic product of the Thatcher age of enterprise and, yes, he misses her horribly. The current lot, he says, are "a pathetic shower". He is much amused by attempts to promote William Hague as the dashing, sexy leadership candidate. "I've a better chance at pulling than him," he says. "And, at 47, I'm 11 years older."

Howard and Christine live in Poole, Dorset, in a big modern job behind one of those Beverly Hills-style electric gate thingies. It is Christine, who also stood down from Ronson last week, who lets you in. She is 32 and very pretty and utterly devoted to Howard. She seems to live mostly in the kitchen, for some reason. Howard refers to her either as "my current girlfriend" or "GFP". "Get us a coffee, GFP," he bellows from the sitting room. GFP? "Greasy Fat Pig." How charming. "It's an endearment," he stresses. Will they ever marry? Hang on, he says, he isn't divorced from his wife yet. Does Christine want to marry? "Of course. She's from Lancashire."

Inside, the house is all thick carpets and ruched curtains and latticed radiator covers and antiques which may be the real thing but don't look it amid all the rest. The overall effect is very Bar-

gatt's meets Fads via the repro-Duction furniture department at John Lewis. I do not get to a Jacuzzi, frilly skirts around the dressing tables and, in the master bedroom, those white fitted wardrobes which Page Three girls always seem to hanker after. I think they go by the name of Schreiber. Think upmarket Schreiber

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and I reckon you are there. However, what you notice

most are the silver-framed photographs, which are everywhere. There are lots of Howard's children (Howard, 22: Jamieson, 14: Davinia: 7), but there are many more of Howard, and you get the full pictorial tour. "This is me as a baby, me as a child, me on my boat, me meeting Richard Branson..." Howard is quite deliciously vain, and the only person I've ever met who drops his own name in conversation. The staff at Ronson, he says, have been faxing him constantly to say: start at Ronson, he says, have been faxing him constantly to say:

"The building is not the same without Howard Hodgson!" Should anyone ever make a film about his life, he confesses he would like Sean Bean to star because "he looks quite like me and is strong". I do not suggest Kenny Dalglish or Lesley Judd as more suitable alternatives. His hearthreak would, I fear, be too much to bear. (Howard, it's really time for the hairdo to go. I later tell him. "Rut it's so me" he cries in reply.)

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Howard comes from Birmingham, from a line of local funeral directors, Hodgson & Son of Hockley, founded in 1850. His father, Paul, was the fourth Hodgson in charge. The business did very well up until his father.

Howard loved his father very much. "He was very handsome, very charismatic. He looked like Errol Flynn and drank like him.



He liked the good life - Aston Martins and fast women and slow horses. He was a good funeral director but a useless businessman. He would say: 'I've just met this marvellous chap. We're going to go into business together.' And I would have to say: Father, hasn't it ever occurred to you that the chaps you meet in private drinking clubs in the middle of the afternoon might not be great successes?'

His mother, Sheila, was often irritated by her husband's lack of competence. "Let Howard do it. He is much better at such things," she would often say to him, while Howard went "no, no, inside. He hated to see his father belittled. His mother is still alive and still as tough as anything. "She makes Margaret Thatcher look like a gay liberation worker for lesbians in Lambeth. If I'm invited for lunch and I'm not prompt she will say: 'Howard. I don't care who you are. Lunch in this house is at 1pm and I'll thank you to remember that."

Howard was educated pri-

vately in England, and then,

from 14, in Switzerland

because he suffered from

asthma and it was thought the

air would do him good. He

remembers his parents taking

him to Switzerland, walking

Interview Deborah Ross talks to

HOWARD

him half-way to his school then leaving him at a bend in the road. You go on, they said, while we turn back. "I HODGSON was very British about it," he "I kissed my mother on her cheek. I shook my father's hand. I started to walk, but something made me look back just as my father was looking back. My mother was still walking purposefully on. Anyway, I ran back, jumped in my father's arms and burst into tears. My father had always been wonderful to me, especially as a young man. When I had the asthma it was my father who stayed up all night, wiping away the vomit and everything. When he died (in 1985) I wept and wept and wept, not only with love, but also with regret. In my silly, English way I had never told him how much I loved him."

Howard first joined the family firm pretty much direct from school. But, initially, he didn't stay long because he fell out with his father when his father divorced his mother for someone else, then tried to hang on to her money. Howard took his mother's side. His father was appalled. And sacked him. Howard went off, became a very successful insurance salesman, and married a Frenchwoman, Marianne, the mother of his children.

The first time he introduced Marianne to his mother, his mother warned her: "You have to get used to the Hodgson men. They marry ladies but fuck tarts.

Well, it makes a change from, "Where would you like your wedding list, Selfridge's or Peter Jones?"

Anyway. Howard was doing very nicely for himself when, in 1975, his father came to tell him the business was in trouble on the brink of receivership, in fact - what should he do? Howard's answer was to buy it off him for £14,000 and then go on to build up a great chain of funeral firms.

In a sentence, he did this by endlessly acquiring, asset-stripping, keeping any local family names but centralising control, and introducing schemes such as the wonderfully-named Destiny with Dignity whereby people could pre-pay for their own funerals.

Although he grew up immersed in the culture of death - one Christmas, he got a cowboy fort made out of coffin off-cuts - he was not prepared when, in 1983, one of his children died. No parent ever is. "When I was a young guy and I had to do a child's funeral, I thought, what am I going to say to these people? How will they ever live again?" Widows were a different matter. He had a set patter for them. He would say: "I know today has been a difficult day. You were married for how many years? 48. And you have 11 children plus how many grandchildren? 72. And here they are all around you.

"Sometimes, I take ladies home and they have no one ..." This always cheered the widows up no end. But when it came to children, "I always handled it very badly."

His son Charles, who would now be 18 had he lived, drowned

when, aged three, he wandered unnoticed into a swimming pool during a family holiday in Thailand. Howard says Marianne coped much better than he did because she howled and let all her grief out, whereas he couldn't. "I would go to work, come home, then sit and stare at the walls in some kind of frozen state. I didn't cry until two years later when I was in the bath and suddenly burst into tears. Marianne came rushing in to ask what was wrong. "I'm crying for Charlie," I said.

He was most helped, he says, by a crematorium organist, as unlikely as that sounds. "This guy would play Light My Fire' or 'He Aint Heavy, He's My Brother' as the coffin was going in. But he'd disguise the tunes in such a way only I knew he was doing it. I used to say to him afterwards 'You little shit. The family are asking what the lovely music was.' "Anyway, this bloke wrote some tunes to which Howard set lyrics.

He wrote mostly about Charles, and found it immensely therapeutic. He has a tape of the songs somewhere. He says he did not commit "any acts of impropriety" until 14 years into his marriage, when he started appearing in colour supplements and winning titles such as Businessman of the Decade and he became the rock star of undertaking and it all went to his head rather. City PR girls threw themselves at him. He was flattered. He could

He left Marianne in 1992 for one of these PR girls. No, he couldn't have just had a discreet dalliance with her. City girls, he complains, don't go in for casual sex any more. He blames feminism. "The biggest enemy to women has been feminism. Feminism told girls to go out and be like boys and earn and have sports cars. Men find this threatening and don't want to marry them. There's now this whole plethora of girls wandering around the City, desperate to get married. They don't want casual relationships. They want committed ones," His main grumble with fem-

inism, I reckon, is that it put an end to the quick shag.

You know, after meeting Mr Hodgson I go away bothered, and remain bothered for some days. This isn't because he is horrid in any way. It's because he reminds me of someone and I cannot put my finger on it. Then, mid-aisle in Tesco, it suddenly comes to me. He reminds me of this budgie my grandmother used to have called Joey.

Joey was a darling thing but all he ever wanted to do was sit on his little swing and peck at his reflection in the mirror all day. Whenever you opened the door of his cage to give him a fly-about, he would always give you a look that said: "Excuse me. I'm having a very nice time admiring myself in here. Please shut my door and go away." And I reckon Howard is rather like this too. The business was his mirror. Then it was girls.

Now, I'm not saying Mr Hodgson isn't clever. Or isn't likeable in his swashbuckling, old-fashioned, Thatcherite way. (Yes, when his son died, he did think "Why me, and not one of those silly girls in the Daily Mail who seem to drop nine babies a week?") Certainly, he is more entertaining than Joey ever was. And he offers better claret and is cleaner in going about his toilet. But, like Joey, he never tires of kissing his own reflection.

# And the happy couple were atheists

Earnest? Joyless? No, writes Lynne Wallis, this humanist wedding was fun – and deeply moving

that she was getting married. I was delighted. She'd had a series of unsuitable partners, and finally she'd found someone she loved who really cared about her. But when she explained that it was to be a humanist ceremony, my enthusiasm waned. I didn't know exactly what a humanist wedding entailed, but I knew it wouldn't be legally recognised. The whole idea sounded to me like PC gone mad. and if they weren't married in the eyes of the law, what was the point? Although I'm not especially religious myself, I couldn't belp thinking: if you're going to take the plunge, there's nothing quite like a traditional church wedding, with confetti, posh hats, saucy best man's speeches and weeping aunties. A bunch of people standing around under a cherry tree holding hands didn't hold quite the same appeal. But before I knew it, the invitations had gone out and the

glorious day was upon us.
As atheists, the couple chose to have a humanist ceremony first, backed up by a register office the following weekend, more to keep their families happy than for any need they felt

They hired a huge 14th-century country to legalise their vows. house in Sussex for their wedding weekend. Such

opulence certainly hadn't been part of my idea of an "alternative" wedding. The house slept 20 and came with pool, tennis courts, sauna and fabulously well kept grounds. The bride and groom welcomed their 80 or so guests at the door, she in a stunning blue satin, full-length, boned-bodiced dress with a net wrap around her shoulders; he in a trendy wool suit and clogs.

The crowd was ushered through to an elegant drawing-room for the ceremony, while the bride and groom escaped for a few minutes to prepare themselves for their big moment. Grannies, parents and elderly aunts sat at the front in comfy sofas and armchairs, while remaining guests stood in this now rather full room. The scent of lilies wafted in from the hall and there wasn't a sound as the bride and groom walked in and sat down, facing their guests, in two high-backed wooden fairy-tale chairs, like the King and Queen of Hearts, ready to vow their love for each other. It was such an emotionally loaded moment that clapping them seemed appropriate, so we did. I'd imagined some dreary, earnest types dressed down for the occasion in defiance of tradition, rather than up. Instead, here was a room full of colour, sparkle and excited anticipation, with no sombre priest or po-faced organist to dampen the mood.

The couple could have arranged for a "celebrant" from the Humanist Society to perform their ceremony. Instead, they opted for one of the groom's two best men, who explained what the ceremony entailed and proceeded expertly to "MC" it. The bride had a six-strong coven of best women - she had so many close female

friends that she'd felt unable to pick a "best" one. Friends each read some quotations chosen by the bride, from Jane Austen to the 10th-century poet Frau Ava. The last two, love poems, moved the groom almost to tears, which of course started the whole room off. There were speeches from the bride's mother and father, blessings, asked of grandparents and willingly given ("we've only been waiting for four years!") and finally the couple's vows, written by themselves. They promised to look after each other and love each other in the future, whatever that might hold, then exchanged simple gold bracelets and kissed.

Seeing their faces as they took their vows made the whole thing more meaningful, for me, than anything else could have, and it made me question the sense of church weddings, where the only person to see the important bit close up is someone the couple possibly met only a few days before, at rehearsals. Here, there was-

n't a dry eye in the house. OK, God was out of the picture, and so for the moment was the law, but these two now regarded themselves as husband and wife, fully committed to their relationship for the future.

The bride invited a photographer friend to take candid shots whenever he could, and the results are better than any posed wedding album photographs I've ever seen. So, instead of an hour of posing, it was straight through to the dining-room for an excellent lunch, followed by the traditional bit the couple were keen to retain; champagne toasts and cutting of cake on the lawn outside. At about 5pm, everyone drifted off for sleep, tennis or swimming, then reassembled for an evening party, or rather, parties. The groom's dad led a piano-accompanied sing-song in the smoking-room, some exhausted parents sat in the kitchen chewing the fat, while the more energetic of us pranced about to hits of the Eighties.

So shame on me. This wedding ceremony wasn't some petty, two-fingers-at-the-Establishment act of rebellion. It was, simply, what they wanted. So hats off to humanist weddings, or should that be hats on?

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the buck when we discuss the the father. Vandalism? Dad wasn't Causes of Bad Things? It hardly matters which of society's ills we are talking about - smoking, driving while talking on a mobile phone, violence, unemployment - there is a natural progression of blame. The first stop is to condemn individuals' failings, but if that were all that were needed the pre-vious government would have eradicated crime, not tripled it. It was one of the new Prime Minister's simplest insights to say that by looking to the causes of wickedness we do not excuse it. So we must then ask why people behave badly and try to change the way they behave – through education. If only we could teach children "the difference between right and wrong", or that drugs screw you up, or that crossing the road is hazardous, then all would be well. Jesuits have long applied the principle that if you can get to the child, you can shape the adult. But the more we pursue the causes of social ills, the clearer it is that we are on a treadmill running backwards. Secondary school is too late for sex and drugs education, so it has to be started at primary school. But primary school is too late for moral education. And much schooling effort is hindered or negated at home. Off bounces the buck: the root cause of crime and anti-social behav-

iour must be bad parenting.
Step forward the arch-villain of mod-

there to exert discipline. Unemployment? Dad didn't care about homework. Lone mothers? Deadbeat dads abandoned them.

At last, help is at hand. No, not a Labour government dedicated to the notion of the "strong family". We are talking about self-help (see page 3). A book, How to Succeed as a Parent, is about to be published. So all the guilty fellows lurking in the shadows need do is read and inwardly digest the handy hints and lists of dos and don'ts?

Unfortunately not. The most important advice from the book's author, Steve Chalke, is for fathers to be there. Time is the "greatest gift" a father can give to his child. But, 10 years after the breakdown of a relationship with the mother, half of all fathers have lost contact with their children. Mr Chalke does not actually attend to the real problem of parenting in broken and deprived families, but to the rather different one of the guilt of middle-class parents. Attitudes towards good parenting have gone through a revolution since the Fifties. Self-help manuals have transformed fathers' attitudes, especially since the publication of the Gospel According to Dr Spock (never mind that yesterday Dr Spock's sons revealed that the guru of touchy-feely parent-



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sory, for example, for fathers to be present at the birth of their children.

Mr Chalke's advice (don't say, "I wish you'd never been born") is misdirected at parents who worry that they do not spend enough time with their children. That angst is real, and the debate about "quality time" with one's children is a serious one, but it is a world away from the problems of children who are neglected or abused by their parents - some of whom say, and mean, that they wish their children had never been born.

Charles are "Britain's worst fathers". The blurring of distinctions between fact and fiction (Grant is a character in EastEnders, whereas Gazza and Chazza are notionally real people) is diverting, although the message is clear: they do not spend enough time with their children. One of Gazza's crimes was to have gone on a drink-ing spree while his wife gave birth to

But the important difference is between children who have a loving relationship with their parents, but

problems ends, and it is no wonder that the interrelated problems of crime. poverty and educational underachievement seem insoluble. We do not hear so much from Tony Blair nowadays about the "causes of crime", because so many of the paths of causation are circular. But it was encouraging that Mr Blair made his first prime ministerial speech on social policy in a south London council estate last week, because although specifics were still missing it suggested that the Government understands how a number of factors interact and reinforce each other, creating a so-called "underclass" of moral and physical deprivation.

À government cannot legislate against bad parenting, or family break-down, but provided it is not distracted by the punitive simplicities which dictated Conservative policy it can act to break some of the cycles of despair. The issue of child-care and nursery schooling has been caught up in the middle-class guilt trap, because some have argued that children need more time with their parents (who need to work shorter hours) rather than being shunted into the care of more strangers. These are irrelevant arguments when it comes to breaking the cycle of deprihood was himself cold and distant). A survey of teenagers finds that Paul want to see more of them, and those vation among lone-parent families on who feel abandoned and want their problem estates: these children need to

spend less time with their parents, and their parents (usually their mothers) need to spend less time with their children. Otherwise, lone mothers will continue to be dumped from the labour market for 16 years or more.

From 1979 we had a government which seemed to be applying sticking plaster to the symptoms of growing social problems. Now we have a Prime Minister dedicated to tackling the underlying causes. On this, rather than last week's frothy opinion-poll rating. his place in history depends.

# What price rain on our parade?

The sun is shining, England is win-ning at football and performing with unaccustomed style on the cricket field. Tony Blair is in his heaven and all is right with the world. Euphoria all round. One nation at least (the one which invented these sports, for goodness sake) feels good about itself. The popular myth is that Harold Wilson won the 1966 election because the voters felt good about winning the World Cup, but of course he won the election before England won the cup. This just goes to show that Labour victories really are the cause of sporting prowess. But not in rugby. And was that a spot of rain?

# • LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

# **Business must** face a new ethical world

Sir: Your Business Comment (6 June) displays the 1980s "market forces" view of business which is

unfortunately still prevalent in the City but hardly anywhere else. We will not have an ethical foreign policy ("Mr Cook, we are up in arms", 6 June) or ethical home policy while we still have such unethical corporate governance and leadership. The primary purpose of a business is to meet public needs, not to "create wealth" for directors or shareholders. Try telling a bank manager that you are starting up to create wealth - he will look askance and ask you how.

Over recent years businesses have realised the importance of meeting customers' needs, but many, especially in the City, are slow in waking up to the popular public demand for wider social responsibility, which New Labour's

It is no longer acceptable for a few people to feed their greed to the detriment of many others. That is why chain letters are illegal and that is what is wrong with privatised (monopoly) utilities. Even the US has better business ethics legislation than we have. GÖRDON GLASS Director, 2020 Vision Ltd

Sir: All praise to the Liverpool women campaigning to ban arms exports to Indonesia because of the use of these arms against the people of East Timor ("Mr Cook,

we are up in arms"). We should remember that Indonesia has been holding the Western end of New Guinea, socalled "Irian Jaya", since the Sixties The only rationale for handing it over to Indonesia was that country's status as successor to the Dutch East Indies. The New Guinea people are quite unlike Indonesians

Since then Indonesia has colonised the country, moving in thousands of Javanese settlers, and terrorised the people. A friend staying in a village in the south of "Irian Jaya" some years ago reports having seen a human hand floating by on the river. Her host was unsurprised, as such sights, he said, were a common result of

Indonesian activities. East Timor is enough reason for keeping arms out of their hands, but not the only reason. PHILIP SCOTT Royston, Hertfordhsire

Sir: In the interest of public information isn't it time the BBC or Channel 4 commissioned a new flyon-the-wall documentary series about the fat cats at Camelot and the former public utilities. Once we see how hard these people work and what rare skills and talents they possess we will understand why they award themselves bonuses which, for many of us, exceed the total income from our working lives. MELVYN RUST St Albans, Hertfordshire

#### Consultants do inform patients

Sir: As a near contemporary of Dr Phil Hammond (article, 3 May), I suspect that his illustrations of the problems of informed consent for medical procedures are derived from memories of his time as a junior house surgeon. It used to be standard practice to delegate preoperative counselling to the most

inexperienced member of the team, often with much bluffing. Much has changed since then. Patient expectations are now much higher, sometimes unrealistically so. Publicity over medical mishaps is important in a free society, but

often contributes extra worry to patients, even though the scale of media interest reflects how rarely such mishaps occur. Rapid technological advances now bring very complex procedures into routine clinical practice, placing a greater burden of explanation on medical staff. There has been a move towards a

consultant-based, rather than consultant-led service, and "informing" and "consenting" now rest rightly with senior staff. For elective surgery, signature on an NHS standard form of consent does not constitute informed consent, and is a simply a record of agreement to proceed. Each patient must be informed to their own level of satisfaction. This process should begin with the patient's GP and the pre-operative visit to the consultant's clinic. In my own hospital, the form is usually signed in a pre-admission clinic a week before the operation, which provides a further opportunity for patients to meet and question both the doctors and nurses who will be providing most of the patient's

As regards the availability of audit results, Dr Phil will be aware that surgeons were the first group of clinicians to voluntarily audit their practice, and it is now compulsory across hospital specialties. An advantage of the current NHS referral system is that even if surgeons do not find out "how their hernias do" - as we can no longer afford follow-up out-

patient appointments following simple procedures - GPs do, and rapidly develop a sense of who performs well or otherwise. Thus consultants do receive regular feedback - either directly, or through lower referral rates. Audit results are increasingly available in medical literature and on institutional Internet Web sites such as our own.

One thing has not changed since Dr Phil's last direct contact with the surgical world. Most NHS consultant surgeons across the nation are still allocated a measly 10 minutes for their new patient consultations. Hopefully this problem has already been earmarked for urgent reform. MIKE LARVIN Consultant Surgeon and Hunterian Professor of Surgery Leeds Institute for Minimally

## The benefit families need

Invasive Therapy Leeds General Infirmary

Sir: Frances Savin (letter, 6 June) is right in suggesting that the minimum wage cannot be expected to cover the cost of a family. In the 1972-73 select committee on taxcredit the argument for a system of comprehensive support for children which I put forward (together with Professor Kaldor and Professor Abel-Smith) was dismissed on the grounds that it had wide implications for the wagestructure of the country. In our

two-income family society this argument must be taken seriously equal pay is to be a reality. We should not however try to go

back to a breadwinner/full-time mother society. We need to have a special Family Responsibility Benefit for families with a child under school age. Young children require considerable attention which makes it impossible for both parents to make a normal contribution to family income. Either one parent (usually the mother) is restricted in her ability to earn if she provides this. personally, or the couple have considerable expense in providing substitute care.

It is essential that the family

should be free to choose how this care is provided. The present system of support produces a poverty trap and is administratively expensive. Only a special benefit can provide the necessary flexibility. The form of care will vary according to the age and needs of the child and the earning opportunities available to both parents. MARY TYLER

London NW11 Sir: Earlier this year I presided at the marriage of Emma and Simon Today they inform me that she is pregnant, and still living with her mother. They hope to live in the village in which her grandfather was the carpenter. The reason they cannot find their own home for their child to be born in is because the council houses have been sold

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Twenty years ago Emma and Simon would have stood a fair chance to remain in the village of their ancestors. When will the new government initiate a policy of rural housing and housing trusts so that Emma and Simon can remain in their village? The land is here, what we want is the money. Please, Mr Blair, "there is no room in the inn" yet. The Rev PAUL JENKINS

Tide running against salmon

Singleton, West Sussex

Sir: Your special report on Britain's disappearing wildlife (6 June) fails to mention one of our most hreatened species, the North Atlantic salmon (Salmo salar). Already classified as endangered

by the European Commission and on the ICES list, this magnificent creature is in rapid decline throughout these islands.

The Hampsbire Avon counts in scores a salmon run once measured in thousands. The Stour in Dorset supports only a tiny remnant stock, while the Test and Itchen are host only to returning artificially reared stock. The authorities acknowledge that these populations have passed the point where they are able to sustain themselves without intervention.

Add to the many hazards that have caused this near demise, the threat of infection by a lethal parasite called Gyrodactylus salaris that has rampaged from the Baltic.

Wilson ("The cautionary tale of boxed himself in with an overvalued exchange rate, Tony Blair has boxed himself in by yielding up both of government's main levers on the economy: interest rates to the Bank of England: and taxation to his promises to our much more materialistic electorate.

the end of six years, the trade deficit of £376m had been turned into a surplus of £871m, the manufacturing investment needed to sustain it had increased by 44 per cent to a level only a little less than it is now and unemployment was only a shade over half a million and all that without open access to

In those days we were much clearer about the object of the resources into industrial investment, in order to give us the trade surplus on which we depended (and still do) for domestic expansion and full employment. Without that clarity of practical purpose I do not see how Tony can do the same trick. Sir FRED CATHERWOOD.

### Mandarins paid in gongs

through Scandinavia into France.

Salmon lack cuddle appeal. They are wet and rarely visible. They are

nevertheless magnificent creatures

with a remarkable life cycle the loss

would be as tragic as the loss of the

Sir: Professor Byron's views (letter,

famine of the 1840s are completely

There is no greater proximate

factor in susceptibility to infectious

disease than nutritional status. Thus,

mortality increases by 12-fold, ceteris paribus, in a situation of famine (The

Cambridge World History of Human

Byron avers that action by health

Discase, ed K Kiple, Cambridge

workers during the famine was

home, look no further than the

famous Broad Street pump in

epidemic - 30 years before the

cholera bacillus was identified.

Dr NANU GREWAL

Oriel College, Oxford

futile because the disease vector

University Press, 1993).

in relapsing fever, his example.

7 June) on mortality in the Irish

Germany and Spain, and some

might think the cause hopeless.

of which, to our British waters,

tiger to India.

Association

Cambridgeshire

Linton,

**BRIAN MARSHALL** 

Chairman, Wessey Sulmon

Irish famine

and disease

Sir: My confidence in your integrity has been shaken by the bland statement in your leading article of 5 June that "Whitehall staff are reasonably paid" and consequently should not expect to be in a group which receives honours for its top few chiefs as a sort of compensation for poor

remuneration.
Since 1979, when public service became unfashionable, the Civil Service has been the subject of severe pay restraint and staff cuthacks.

Thave four sons, all born between 1955 and 1965. Three are would they pretend that this was a justifiable disparity.

By all means let us do away with automatic honours, but in the case of the Civil Service please do not justify this on the grounds that the staff are reasonably paid.
PAUL BARRACLOUGH

German worm

June) offers "earworm" as the mot juste for a tune that lodges in the

had not been discovered. I draw his coined it. Nor do I, but that person presumably spoke German well enough to know the word \*Ohrwum and English not well enough to know that its proper translation is "earwig". Collins German Dictionary gives "Der Schlager ist ein richtiger Ohrwurm" as "That's a really catchy record". LES TELFORD Flitwick

# The secret of Houdini Harold Sir: Thank you for the parallels between Tony Blair and Harold

Labour's last moderniser". 4 June ... There are others. If Harold Wilson

Houdini Harold escaped and, at

Cambridgeshire

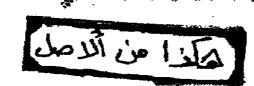
in the private sector (railways, building and advertising). The fourth, who is academically the brightest (first-class degree from Oxford), is a senior civil servant in Whitehall. My private sector boys are paid two to four times as much as the civil servant and in no way

East Sussex

Sir: Tony Shelbourne (Letters, 3

brain, but does not know who first

attention to the Austrian cordons sanitaires of the 18th century, which prevented the incursion of the third plague cycle into Europe. Closer to London, which John Snow had removed in 1855 to halt a cholera Bedfordshire



# Labour is in chains to Tory rhetoric

**Andrew Rutherford** says Jack Straw must cut prison numbers, on land and at sea

n the House of Commons this afternoon the Home Secretary. Jack Straw, will confirm that within days, prisoners will be transferred to HM Prison Weare, the New York prison vessel now moored in the Weymouth naval dockyard.

The ex-container ship is a bulk

The ex-container ship is a hulk. Michael Howard's legacy and symbol of Tory penal policy. Labour's question is whether to keep it. Does it remain hostage to the populist agenda it inherits from the Tories (which it helped to create) or, after calm reflection, change

tack? Early indications are ambiguous.

Take Mr Straw's "zero tolerance" slogan. It is already in danger of becoming the Labour counterpart to "prison works". Draconian police powers and a heavy reliance upon imprisonment are no substitutes for carefully address-ing anti-social and offending behaviour over the long term.

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Yet a promising aspect of the new Government's policy is involving local authorities by imposing a statutory duty on them to develop crime prevention strategies, which necessarily will take time to come on stream. Some things can, however, be done at once; for example, building up leisure facilities for young people. That sort of move would receive wide public support and the clamour for curfews and similar restrictions might subside.

Setting the tone on crime is every bit as important as legislation. Jack Straw is going to have to do something in the face of the record number - more than 60,850 - currently held in the prison system. The prison population has gone up by a third in the last five years. Furthermore, recent Home Office projections may have underestimated the

level of underlying growth.

It is a grave situation, but whatever the Home Secretary says, his body lan-guage is read attentively by judges and magistrates. He must attempt to change the sentencing "mood" by encouraging courts to think of other, more constructive penalties. Some of his predecessors (most notably Roy Jenkins, William Whitelaw and Douglas Hurd) eschewed a passive stance on prison numbers. Mr Straw will need to sort out his own position and the rhetoric he deploys before agreeing to vet further ex

Closely connected is the question of whether he should bring into force the main provisions of the Conservatives' Crime (Sentences) Act, which would have the effect of pushing up prison numbers. Mr Straw has said he hopes to meet the original implementation target dates, but that he is also aware of the projected increases in prison population. He is going to have to revisit sentencing, putting an end to mandatory prison terms, and with them, the worst of the American experience.

The explosion in the use of penal custody is just one area where Labour must be wary of repeating the failure of President Clinton's "tough but smart" stance on crime. While vast sums are being appropriated to construct additional prisons and jails, crime prevention programmes have suffered.

Over the past five years, Labour has taken a mostly instrumental view of the criminal law. Criminal justice and penal policy are regarded simply as being part of the armoury for combating offenders, as if they did not reach to the core of how a society defines itself and to whom it affords the protections and opportunities of citizenship. Aspirations for an inclusive society will inevitably sour as the paraphernalia of incarceration increasingly litter both landscape and seashore.

The author is chairman of the Howard League for Penal Reform.



# What defence toys really cost us

ony Blair has just announced that he is to purchase a fleet of 232 magnificent Rolls-Royces for his government. Each one of them is so state-of-the-art that they cost more than £60m. "What does the Government need them for?" you might ask. But no one is asking. The extraordinary thing is that such a question just isn't on the agenda. Oddly enough, there are no rumbles of protest at this extravagance - not a whisper, not even from the Treasury. These dream machines are justified on the grounds that building them will provide thousands of jobs. The Rolls-Royces have been

Alas, these Rolls-Royces are no figment of the imagination. The EJ200 Rolls-Royce engines are to be fitted inside the Eurofighter, a flying machine of an exquisite sophistication Squadron Leader Biggles could only dream of. "Totally carefree handling," according to its makers. The cockpit computer has a woman's voice which rises to an urgent timbre when the blip of an enemy appears on her radar. The weapons are voiceoperated and the pilot has only to look at his enemy to shoot him down. It needs only the tini-

est finger movement on the joystick. Oh bliss! The Prime Minister and the Defence Secretary, George Robertson, last week were pressing the Germans to put up then share of the pocket money for this ultimate toy. The Germans have been dragging their heels since the prototypes flew last September at the Farnborough Air Show. The Germans, so much richer and bigger than us, are only buying 185 to our proud 232, and yet even they find paying out the money a bit difficult.

Last week, BBC radio news set the tone of reporting on this issue: "The Government has become alarmed at continual delays by Germany in approving its share of funding for production of the multi-national aircraft. Thousands of British jobs depend on the project," No quizzical voice was heard - how many jobs? At a total cost of £15bn, the planes would create, according to the Ministry of Defence, some 14,000 jobs. That works out at nearly £1.1m per job - the most profligate job-creation scheme ever

Alarm bells should ring everywhere if this disingenuous appeal to the plane's job-creating potential is the best headline the Government can produce to sell it to the nation. Compare the

#### by Polly Toynbee

Eurofighter's cost per job with the Government's welfare-to-work plans: the 250,000 young unem-ployed will cost £3bn to get into work, which is £12,000 per job. If the Eurofighter money was spent on welfare-to-work, 1.25 million new jobs

The Government announced its promised defence review within days of coming into office. It is to be wide-ranging and free-thinking, we were told. It will ask fundamental, even existential ques-tions. Who are we? What is our role in the world? What do we want to be? What can we afford to be? Now the Cold War is over, what are we defending against whom? They need urgent answers. So why is the Government hastening to confirm its commitment to Eurofighter before deciding what it is for?

The plane has had a chequered history. It was designed as a fighter in the late 1970s in the days of East-West permafrost. But after the Wall came down, we didn't need a fighter anymore. Who were we likely to meet in the skies for whizzo Red Baron dogfights? (There was no aerial com-bat in the Gulf war or Bosnia). The design for the wings was then strengthened to take a greater pay-load so that the plane could double up as a bomber. On average, eight of them will crash a year in training, wasting £480m a year.

There are far cheaper planes to be bought off the shelf. Okay, so it would not put us in the Top Gun league - we'd be driving Mondeos, not Rolls-Royces. A shame, maybe. But what are these wars we plan to fight all on our own? And don't be bamboozled by talk of the Eurofighter keeping us in the hi-tech business. These days, the key hi-tech developments happen in the electronics industry and spin into the defence industry, not the other way round.

No, the real reason for our phenomenally high defence expenditure is to compete with the other boys. Forget enemies; the arms race now is with our friends – the French and the Americans. If we want to stay in their gang and "punch above our weight", we have to show that our conkers and knuckle-dusters are just as good as theirs. Otherwise, we would lose our seat on the UN Security Council. Now that seat may be nice to have, but what is it worth to us in hard cash? To keep it, Britain spends twice the European average on

defence - 3.1 per cent of GNP. Germany spends 1.7 per cent.

We are buying hardware like shopaholics in Harrods - 386 new Challenger tanks and 64 EH101 battle helicopters. At £22bn a year, we could halve the amount we spend and still put our fair share into European defence and peace-keeping duties. This isn't old pacifism, but new

It is doubtful that the British public has any idea what sacrifices they make for our defence status. After all, there are no politicians to make the case. The deafening silence that greeted George eerie. Is this the new politics or the dawn of the Prawda mentality? Did no one on the Labour backbenches wriggle with discomfort as they thought of the desolate housing estates back home, or some of their blighted schools and hospitals?

This is what the public does not know. If we halved our defence spending and saved £11bn every year, that is a huge sum. According to the Institute for Fiscal Studies, it could increase education spending by 30 per cent - we could reduce class sizes to 20, obliterate illiteracy and transform prospects for children. It would add another 25 per cent to NHS spending - the equivalent of 10 years of annual growth in one go. These are the two areas that will suffer buge cuts in the next two years under

current Treasury plans, so the people ought to know what defence is costing them.

Or we could double the transport budget --swap the Rolls-Royces for deluxe public transport. We could increase the decimated capital expenditure budget by 60 per cent, restoring all the dereliction of the past 18 years. Or up the basic pension by a quarter. Think what could be done to get no-hope families on their feet and attack the roots of crime.

There are reasonable arguments in favour of our high defence status, but punching above our weight means paying beyond our means. Politi-cians have conspired to hide the true extent of that cost. Given the choice, would most people choose our UN seat or good schools, hospitals and public transport? It may be too late to stop the Eurofighter, but the defence budget could still be slashed and redistributed without leaving us any more defenceless than the rest of our European allies. But where are the strong pro-Blair voices to make the case? They need to come not from the old disarmers, but the new economists.

profits could be tied to community support in

areas where elephants cause damage to farms

Among the hot topics in Harare is where

ought conservation to end and wildlife utilisa-

tion begin. The efficiency and effectiveness of

the respective governments is also an issue. In

some places poaching has increased since the ban, especially where policing has slipped

because of budgetary constraints. There may be irritation as Zimbabwe muddies its good con-

servation case for a resumption of trade by

is lacking about the effects of the ban, for bet-

ter or worse. Tony Fitzjohn, of the George

Adamson Wildlife Preservation Trust, helps run

a wildlife reserve in Tanzania, and is close to

the government, which opposes the resumption

It is probably fair to say that hard evidence

being cavalier in its control of ivory use.

# So much for railing against privatisation

hen I was a young boy, growing up in the borders of North Wales and Cheshire, the village railway station was called Gresford, and there I used to spend many hours taking engine numbers and watching trains shuffle buck and forth, taking coal from Gresford Colliery and passengers to Wrexham. Occasionally, bigger fry would pass through. Trains going as far as Wolverhampton. Trains marked "Pines Express" and going to somewhere called Bournemouth, though how they got re-routed on to our line I could never quite see. Bluebells came every spring in

grew round the River Alyn. Happy days. When I left home and moved to London. my local railway station was Paddington, which had a better choice of trains but wasn't nearly so glamorous and had no burbling brook. After 25 years, I moved out of London, and now my local station is very much like Gresford used to be. Gresford has been closed, I believe, but Freshford, near Bradford-on-Avon, is still very much open. Freshford is that rare thing among stations – a request stop (my friends seldom believe me when I tell them this), and you have to stick out your hand to make a train stop, or, if you are on the train

the woods and lady's smock

and want to get off, alert the guard in good time. Not every train stops at Freshford, of course. On Sundays, we quite often get re-routed Inter-City trains purring through. A friend of mine once put out his hand for one of these trains, thinking it was the local stopper. The driver thought so too, for a moment, and screeched to a halt just

beyond the platform, whereupon the guard put his head out of the window and shouted "We don't stop here!" before the train moved on. Freshford has the same sort

of valley setting that Gresford had. They have recently put in a new pedestrian bridge. which argues that they are planning to keep the station open. But the most

extraordinary thing I have seen in the station recently whose destination was stated on the front as "Lime Street".

This was ridiculous. Lime Street is in Liverpool. Most trains expire when they get to Bristol and never go further than Cardiff. I got on the train (I was going to Newport) and sat down, only to hear the announcement: "This is the Portsmouth



#### Miles Kington

service to Liverpool and Cardiff. The train will divide at Newport, where one half will go on to Cardiff and Cwmbran, while the other half will go to Liverpool Lime Street, calling at ... There followed a litany of

glorious horder names such as Hereford, Ludlow, Church Stretton and Shrewsbury followed by Crewe, Runcorn and Liverpool. I couldn't believe my ears. A train from Freshford, on the edge of Somerset, going direct to Liverpool - and going the scenic way, as well!

There was a man sitting opposite me, toying with a laptop. Across from him sat a blonde woman reading The Hungry Tide by Valerie Wood (the title of the book is not significant - I just put it in as colourful detail and to show how uselessly observant I am). "How far are you going?"

he asked her. "Liverpool," she said,

suspiciously.
"Great!" he said. "The reason I asked is that I'm one of the managers of the company, and we've just introduced this service as one of a new series of throughtrains we are going to have. I mean, we shall never get people out of their cars and back on trains if we don't give them the through-services they need, right?

It was uncannily like watching a TV commercial. Bright, shiny railway man talking about new trains to blonde reading romantic novel, which she abandons, saying: "New throughservices? Hey, tell me more, handsome!

She didn't say it, this being conversation instead, and he talked with such shining faith in the expansion of railway services that I have started to wonder since if privatisation may not have its good side.

After all, I suppose Gresford would never have been there in the first place if it hadn't been for private enterprise.

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Is it time to unban the ivory trade? Nature and the Department of the Environment supported controlled trade, especially if

Tivid sculptures, many life-sized, of Christ crucified are available in Manila, their style marking the Hispanic overlay upon the Philippines. Their expense attests to the new wealth the global economy has brought this

Asian country.

Asian country.

The ivory is from Africa," says Henry Babiera, who has had the sculptures carved in his house in a Manila suburb. "It has to pass through Libya by caravan and then to Malta and Frankfurt." He is blandly indifferent to the widespread Western hostility to the use of ivory. It is not for him to care whether his material comes from those countries in the south of the continent that have had rapidly rising elephant populations for 20 years, from countries such as Mozambique, Sudan and Uganda where the elephant has been under intense threat and remains so, or from Kenya and Tanzania where the elephant devastation of the 1970s and 1980s is beginning to be repaired.

Trade in ivory was banned in 1989 under Cites (the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species). Its controls, and lack of them, will be the subject of an international ministerial meeting in Harare starting today. And the subject, too, of growing controversy.

Those Manila sculptures attest to the last port to a return to trade), they have so many of continuing traffic in African ivory, which is of continuing traffic in African ivory, which is elephants that their numbers are such as the Institute of why free marketeers such as the Institute of



Economic Affairs (IEA) agree with Zimbabwe, Botswana and Namibia as they press yet again for controlled trade in ivory to be yet again for controlled trade in ivory to be resources. A recent IEA paper argued that Cites

permitted. In common with South Africa has to create incentives for commercial exploita-(which is not, however, this year giving its support to a return to trade), they have so many elephants that their numbers are regularly face. A decade ago, the World Wide Fund for

Stressing the value of live elephants to the tourism trade, he says, "I know the world is run by trade, not by bunny-huggers. But we're asking for a breather at least until we've got decent elephant populations and sophisticated controls

and farmers.

Richard D North

# John Rawlins

those quickly shot, low-budget films which played the bottom half of the programme but de-veloped a style and reputation all their own. The director John Rawlins was a prime exponent of that style, being a master of swift exposition and fast action. His no-nonsense approach also made him a fine serial director, and when given the chance of a top-budget adventure film he gave his studio one of its biggest hits in Arabian Nights, the film which established the exotic beauty (and now cult figure) Maria Montez

Born in Long Beach, Cali-fornia, in 1902, Rawlins entered films during the silent era as a stuntman and bit player in action films and serials. With the coming of sound, he wrote gags for screen comedies, then was signed by Columbia as an edi-tor. In 1933 he made his directing début with two shorts, Sign Please and They're Off!, but he did not direct his first feature until 1938, when put under contract by Universal. State Police, a lively thriller set in a mining town, instantly established his forte – quickly made, inex-pensive "B" movies of around 60 minutes' running time, dis-tionnished by fort tinguished by fast pacing and non-stop action.

Air Devils (1938), about two ex-Marines who became flying policeman, was in similar vein, and The Missing Guest (1938) proved him adept at a hauntedhouse thriller replete with sliding panels, secret passages and self-playing pianos.

Serials were still a staple part of screen fare, and Universal teamed Rawlins with the prolific serial director Ford Beebe on The Green Hornet Strikes Again (1940, with Warren Hull as the masked avenger delivering justice to a gang infiltrating city industries), Junior G-Men (1940), Sea Raiders (1941) and Overland Mail (1942), starring Lon Chaney Jnr as its cowboy hero. Junior G-Men and Sea Raiders both starred the Dead End Kids led by Billy Halop and Huntz Hall in the former the boys join

The 1940s are considered the forces with the FBI to capture Golden Age of the "B" movie, a bunch of aspiring dictators called the Order of the Flaming Torch while in Sea Raiders they pursue a mysterious traitor who has been sinking Allied

ships.
The Leather Pushers (1940) was the first of five popular thrillers Rawlins directed featuring the team of Richard Arlen and Andy Devine as trouble-shooters, and Six Lessons from Madame La Zon-ga (1941) a rare excursion into musical comedy (the title was that of a 1940 song hit popularised by Jimmy Dorsey and sung in the film by "Mexican Spitfire" Lupe Velez). Universal then upgraded

Rawlins to a more prestigious "B". The Great Impersonation, a 70-minute spy drama starring Ralph Bellamy in the dual role of an Englishman and a German spy who impersonates him. The female lead was taken by the studio's prime "Bmovie" heroine Evelyn Ankers, who told the writer Doug Mc-Clelland about the lack of preparation typical of such films. "I was called on to the set and

Mr Bellamy was already there. He was one of my idols but I'd never met him. The director, who I had also never met, said, 'Hi, are you ready to shoot?' I replied, You must be Mr Rawlins.' I was anxious to rehearse as I had to lean over and kiss Bellamy in a vampy, Mata Hari style. Suddenly I heard, 'OK action!' There was deathly si-lence as Ralph and I sat looking at each other with our mouths open ... we hadn't even been informed where the director wanted to start and fin-

"Mr Rawlins finally yelled 'Cut!' and asked us what the problem was. I managed to stutter, First, I would like to meet my leading man, as I have never kissed a man without being introduced to him. Second, it would help us both if we knew where you wanted to start and end the scene . . . "
Rawlins worked with Ankers

again on his next film. Sherlock Holmes and the Voice of Terror (1942), the first of the series that



Jon Hall and Maria Montez in Rawlins's lavish Arabian Nights (1942)

the studio made with Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce as Holmes and Watson. Based on Doyle's story "His Last Bow", the updated tale had Holmes tracking down the Nazi perpetrator of propagandist broad-casts - the film started production with the grandiose working title Sherlock Homes Saves London. After these two important

"B" movies, the studio gave Rawlins his biggest project yet, their first film made in 3strip Technicolor, Arabian Nights. Lavishly produced by Walter Wanger using top craftsmen, it was gorgeously pho-tographed by Milton Krasner, opulently set and costumed (the vivid camerawork dazzling the eye with golden sands. ultra-blue skies and the shimmering silks worn by Montez. the heroine, and the palace handmaidens), and vigorously

on non-stop excitement by Rawlins.

A tremendous success, it inaugurated a series of exotic adventures starring the team of Montez, Jon Hall, Sabu and Turhan Bey. Montez, dubbed "Queen of Technicolor", said of herself at the time, "When I look at myself in Arabian Nights, I am so beautiful I scream with

(Montez became so obsessed with her appearance that her fatal heart attack in 1951 was attributed to the effects of the hot bath she was taking in an effort to slim.)

Rawlins made another film with the same star team, Sudan (1945), but by then the formula was wearing thin, and even a change of locale to ancient Egypt and the director's trademark pacing could not prevent the result seeming tired. Between the two Montez vehicles Rawlins made two war films,

who deploys a mysterious gas that temporarily freezes We've Never Been Licked (1943), in which a military school student professes sympathy for victims. the Japanese in order to infil-Rawlins's subsequent movies trate their ranks, and Ladies Courageous (1944), a tribute to

At RKO, he directed the fi-

nal two films in a four-film

earlier background in serials

enabling him to give the films

the requisite comic-strip ambi-

ence. Dick Tracy's Dilemma

(1947) had the detective pur-

suing "The Claw", a villain

with a steel claw in place of a

hand, and Dick Tracy Meets

Gruesome (1947) featured Boris

Karloff as a splendid villain

were minor but usually above average, notably The Arizona the women who ferried war Ranger (1948), a western with planes for the US air force, starsome trenchant observations ring Loretta Young, Hampered about the readjustment of men by a dull, soap-opera script, returning from war, and another Rawlins's direction lacked its western, Fort Defiance (1951). customary vigour, and after the failure of Sudan he was returned which explores the developing relationships among a group of settlers preparing for Indian to "B" movies and in 1947 decided to freelance. attacks.

Rawlins directed a few television shows in the Fifties, Dick Tracy" series, Rawlins's but after his last film Lost Lagoon in 1958 he left the film business to pursue a highly successful career as a property Tom Vallance

John Rawlins, film director: born Long Beach, California 9 June 1902; married (two sons); died 20 May 1997.

# Marion Welchman

Marion Welchman has been called the "needle and thread" of the dyslexia world, weaving an ever-widening network of teaching and information. She was born Marion Eves in

1915, in Penarth, South Wales. After school in Penarth, she studied nursing at Cardiff Royal Infirmary and for the next 17 years nursing was her career. ending in Occupational Health in the Westinghouse Co in Chippenham during the Second World War. There she met her husband to be, an engineer, Dennis Welchman. They were married in 1943 and had three children, two girls, and a boy. Howard, the youngest, was a

bright boy who had incredible difficulties in learning at school. It was Marion Welchman's search for help for Howard that led her to dyslexia, and what was to become a lifelong interest. Her early contacts were with the Invalid Children's Aid Association and their Word Blind Project in the early 1960s. Through them Welchman made contact with the Orton Dyslexia Society in the United States.

who put her in touch with Agnes Wollf as a teacher for her son. This was such a success that Welchman decided to spread her knowledge and invited Sally Childs, a teacher who had worked with the Gillingham. Stillman teaching programme of multisensory teaching in the US. to run a training course for teachers in Bath.

It was Welchman's drive and determination that raised the money to set this up and the first course was held in 1969, with 13 state teachers and 10 from independent schools taking part. The demand for places was so great that the course was repeated for the next four years.

Having begun to get the teachers organised, Welchman turned her attention to the parents. By 1970 she had travelled the country talking to parents and setting up local associations of parents and teachers, the first being in Bath in 1966. The need for a national organisation was becoming urgent and, with Welchman's encouragement, eight local associations banded together to form the British Dyslexia Association in 1972. Iwenty-five years later, the BDA has 100 local associations

and over 75 corporate members. Welchman's influence since these early days has been immense. She was a wonderful

communicator, interested in people and weaving them into her world-wide web of contacts. Tall and elegant, she made an impressive ambassador. Wherever she visited she made friends, offered

support and picked brains.

After the death of her husband in 1984 she travelled wideh and her personal contacts led to activity in places as far apart as South Africa, where a trust bears her name, and Singapore, where she was invited to the first meeting of the Singapore Dyslexia Association. When ill-health prevented her travelling, she maintained and made new contacts with parents and teachers in Nigeria and India and she eagerly supported the foundation of the European Dyslexia Association. She was delighted to be the first overseas recipient of the International Leadership Award of the Orton Dyslexia Society and very proud to be appointed MBE in 1992.

Her conviction that dyslexia has no boundaries led to her in-volvement in the setting up of the World Dyslexia Network Foundation in 1995 (her 80th year) and her dream of a truly international dyslexia family drew a step closer with the launch of the WDNF's first project - the Dyslexia Research Website to coincide with the 1896-1996 - 100 Years of Dyslexia" campaign in November last

The BDA's 4th International Conference, held last month in York, and attracting over 600 delegates, was the first she had not been able to attend but a concert in her honour enabled the BDA to show their appreciation of this "mother from Bath who thought she could do

something . Marion Welchman's world was not limited to dyslexia. She was a very talented dressmaker in her "spare" time and many of her friends were recipients of her verses to mark special events. She was able to infect her friends with her enjoyment of life, even when they found themselves committed to a course of action they hadn't previously considered.

Marion Eves, charity adminisinitor: born Penarth 6 June 1915; MBE 1992; married 1943 Dennis Welchman (died 1984; onc son, two daughters); died Hatch End, Middlesex 19 April 1997.

# **Geoff Pack**

Geoff Pack was one of the Wharram catamaran called Formost influential figures in the eigner. A feature of the boat's world of yacht cruising. A design was cross-beams lashed larger-than-life character, phys- together with rope. In midically and intellectually, he Atlantic the ropes began to fail worked for the magazine Yachting Monthly in various capacities for 19 years (as editor from 1992 until his death) yet also managed to fit in three transatlantic cruises, the last with his wife and three children under five.

He learned his sailing on the Sussex coast on his parents' Iroquois catamaran, and cut his own cruising teeth as a teenager, undertaking hair-raising passages in an elderly and heavy dinghy, camping overnight under a canvas awning.

He first applied for a job on Yachting Monthly in 1978, aged 19. but the then editor. Des Sleightholme, turned him down -"to my everlasting shame". A second opportunity arose soon after and he joined as a trainee. No sooner was he on the strength than he was planning his first Atlantic crossing with his new wife, Lou Lou. They set out in 1980 in a frail-looking 30ft

and the boat started to break up. Showing characteristic quickthinking and inventiveness. Pack partially rebuilt the boat while under way and successfully completed the voyage.

Faced with the need to earn a living, he talked his way into a job as a charter skipper. He and Lou Lou became one of the most popular teams in the Caribbean and Geoff quickly rose to be the senior skipper at Stevens Yachts, the secondlargest charter company in the Caribbean at the time, at the remarkably young age of 24.

A year later, though, deter-mined to cruise the West Indies in his own boat, he returned to the UK to fit out a more suitable yacht. He chose the Rival 34 Euge and set off for the second time in 1983. The voyage which followed became a classic of its kind and Pack wrote the book Blue Water Countdown

(1992, first published in 1988 as telephone call brought him water gypsy.

During this time he had been

contributing many freelance articles to Yachting Monthly and on his return in 1985 he was ofprojects editor, later rising to be assistant editor. For five distinguished years he wrote many influential articles and built up a unique network of contacts at home and abroad. Among his major achievements was his successful campaign against marina over-charging.

But the lure of the open

oceans was too deeply in his blood to keep him shore-based for long. He began refitting a 40ft Anache catamaran, to reflect his cruising philosophy that technological simplicity and detailed planning are the best protections in deep waters. He had planned a circumnavigation over five years but got no further than Trinidad when a

Ocean Cruising Countdown), back to Yachting Monthly in was an offer I simply could not turn down".

He stamped his own personality on the magazine, with an on-the-water practicality and fered a job as the magazine's authority. His editorials reflected his deep insights into the world of the off-shore cruiser and also his sense of humour. One month he would fulminate against liferaft service agents, the next he would recall practising sailing manoeuvres while floating on his back in a local swimming pool - those who knew his physique will appreciate the image.

Despite his reputation as a blue-water yachtsman and journalist, Pack was equally happy pottering in small boats and dinghies with his children. In addition to Kiskadee, his offshore cruising yacht, he also owned a 22ft weekender in which he had many undignified adventures in his home waters of the Solent.

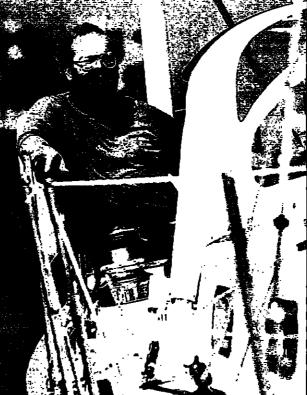
I spent several years producing the magazine's boatbased on his experiences. It has 1992 as the magazine's sixth ed-test reports with Geoff Pack. We become essential reading for all itor. He said the decision to re- were known throughout the industry as "the heavyweight team". This was partly a comment on our combined avoirdupois but also a tribute to Pack's remarkable knowledge and understanding of what made boats good or bad. He was one of the best-read yachting writers I knew, with an ency-

> yachtsmen and the sea. Geoff Pack was diagnosed as suffering from lymph cancer in October last year. He tried hard to remain active right to the end. His last sail was 10 days before his death and his last piece of writing will appear in the July issue of Yachting Monthly.

clopaedic knowledge of yachts,

James Jermain

Geoffrey Gerald Pack, yachstman and journalist: born Brighton, East Sussex 16 March 1958; married 1977 Louise Birch (two sons, two daughters); dicd Winchester 28 May 1997.



# **James Thin**

James Thin's catalogues seemed to have a puzzling and arbitrary number of pence following the number of pounds writes D. Ieuan Lloyd [further o the obituary by Tam Dalyell. 5 June).

For example, books could be priced at £3.15, £7.35, £12.60, discovered the reason for this was his quirky but delightful desire to continue to price books in guineas and then to decimalise the resulting

J. Anthony Lukas, journalist, died New York 5 June aged 64. Winner of two Pulitzer Prizes; books include Common Ground: a nobulent decade in the lives of three American families

Magda Gabor, actress, died Rancho Mirage, California 6 June aged 78. Sister of Zsa Zsa and Eva. hut enjoyed a briefer acting career.

Elize Botha, died 6 June aged 75. Wife of the former South African President P.W. Botha.

# Births, Marriages & Deaths

# BIRTHS

THOMPSON / GILLIE: To Jan Thompson and Oliver Gillie, a son, Sholto Douglas Gillie, on 19 April 1997, a brother for Calder. DEATHS

TURNER: Terry, died peacefully on 5 June 1997, aged 64. Much-loved hos June 1997, aged 64. Much-loved hus-band of Susie, father of Frances, Char-lotte and Penny and grandfather of Arma and Emily. Flueral service and Breakprager Computation Breakprager

### IN MEMORIAM

WERNHER: Lady Theodora Anna Wernher (née Romanov), born 1901 Petrograd. Russis, died Northampton 1974. Innocent victim of evil. Her daughter, Alexandra.

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# Birthdays

69; Mr Jeremy Hardie, chairman, W.H. Smith, 59; Sir Peter Heatly, former chairman, Commonwealth Games Federation, 73; Mr Douglas 48; Mr Derek Hunt, chairman, MFI
Furniture Group, 58; Sir Roger
Hurn, chairman, Smiths Industries,
59; Miss Sheila Keith, actress, 77; Mr
Peter Kilfoyle MP. Parliamentary
Under-Secretary, Office of Public
Services, 51; Sir Nicholas Lloyd, former, Editor, Derik Evenes, Sir M.

mer Editor, Daily Express, 55; Mr Robert McNamara, former US Secretary of Defense, 81; Mr Michael Mates MP, 63; General Sir Geoffrey 87; Mrs June O'Dell, director, Aylesbury Vale Community Healthcare NHS Trust, 68; Mr Charles Saatchi, advertising executive, 54; Mr Peter Sanders, former chief executive, Commission for Racial Equality, 59; Sir Douglas Smith, former chairman, Acas, 65; Vice-Admiral Sir Patrick Symons, former Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic's Representative in Europe, 64; Mr David Troughton,

actor, 47; Mr Peter Wilson, chairman

The Duke of Editoburgh, Patrum, Astociation for Science Education, attends a reception for Young Entrepreheurs at I James is Palace. The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, white the Rocal National Lifeboat Institution at Rock, Cornwall. The Duke of York opens the new European headquarters of LSI Logic Limited at Greenwood House, Brackmell, Berkshire: The Princess Royal committee new carents of Napiet University, Editorial control of the Princess of Napiet University.

and chief executive, Gallaher, 56.

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

### Mr Tony Britton, actor, 73; Mr Edgar

Evans, tenor, 85; Mr Michael Fox, actor, 36; Professor Geraint Gruffydd, former Director, University of Wales Centre for Advanced Welsh and Celtic Studies Centre, Aberystwyth, Henderson MP, Minister for Europe,

#### Anniversaries Births: Peter the Great, Tsar of

Russia, 1672; George Stephenson, locomotive designer, 1781; Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, physician, 1836; Walter Weedon Gross an and author, 1853; Sir Henry Hallett Dale, neurophysiologist, 1875; Cole Albert Porter, composer and lyricist, 1893. Deaths: Jan van Eyck, inter, buried 1441; Charles John Huffham Dickens, novelist, 1870; William Maxwell Aitken, first Baron Beaverbrook, newspaper proprietor, 1964; Dame Sybil Thomdike, actress, 1976. On this day: the first Book of Common Prayer was issued to all dio-ceses in the Church of England, 1549; the London Symphony Orchestra gave its first concert, 1904; the proceedings of the House of Commons were broadcast live for the first time, 1975. Today is the Feast Day of St Columba of Iona, St Enhraem, St Pelagia of Antioch, Saints Primus and Felician, St Richard of Andria and St Vincent of Agen.

### Lectures

National Gallery: Angelica Goodden, "Elizabeth Louise Vigée Le Brun and England", 1pm.

Victoria and Albert Museum: Susan Barron, "Labyrinth of Time: Susan Barron's 11-volume book"

# Changing of the Guard

#### The following notes of judgments were prepared by the reporters of the All England Law

#### Reports. Tax

Henwood (Inspector of Taxes) v Clarke; Ch D (Ferris J) 6 May 1997. There was a 50 per cent uplift in the cash equivalent of the taxable benefit to an employee where a car was made available to him for private use, and not more than 2,500 business miles" were driven in a tax year. The uplift applied to each car separately if the car was replaced with a different one during the year, not to the total number of business miles

Timothy Brennan (Inland Revenue Solicitor) for the Crown; the texpayer did

Watton (Inspector of Taxes) v Tippett; CA (Simon Brown L.J. Peter Gibson L.J. Sir Iain Glidewell) 22 May 1997. Rollover relief for replacement of business assets under s 115 of the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979 was claimed in respect of a gain realised on the disposal of part of a single business asset (the old asset) and the apportioned cost of the retained part of the asset (the new asset). Although it was not necessary that the sale of the old asset should precede the acquisition of the new asset,

# CASE SUMMARIES

set were acquired as a single Richard Bramwell QC (Harfield Pick-

ering, Redditch) for the taxpayer. Launcelot Henderson QC (Inland Revenue Solicitor) for the Crown.

### Practice

Abraham & anr v Thompson & ors; Ch D (Lloyd J) 12 May 1997. There were circumstances, including but not limited to champerty, in which the court might stay a plaintiff's action

being financed. Michael Bloch (D.J. Freeman) for the fifth and sixth defendants; Kenneth MucLean (Clifford Chance) for the first plaintiff.

because of the way it was

### Extradition

R v Bow Street Magistrates' Court, ex parte Allison; QBD Div Ct (Pill L.J. Astill J: 13 May 1997. A magistrate, on an application

by the US Government for the issue of a provisional warrant under para 5(1)(b) of Sch 1 to the Extradition Act 1989, had to determine whether a case was "urgent" within the meaning of that word in art VIII(1) of the United States of America (Extradition) Order 1976. The magistrate was not required to investigate the the relief would not apply if factual background which the old asset and the new as- gave rise to the urgency, but Danid Wolfe (David Levenc & Co) for

#### 9 June 1997 only to judge the facts as they

existed at the time the warrant was applied for. There was no justification for excluding from the category of urgent cases those where the urgency would not have arisen had the requested state taken action

sooner. Alun Jones QC, Helen Malcolm (Burton Copeland) for the applicant; James Lewis (CPS) for the respondents.

### Education

Crane & anr v Lancashire County Connell; QBD Crown Office List (Poppiewell J) 12 May 1997. A Special Educational Needs

Tribunal, when deciding whether a child should be educated at a mainstream school in order to receive the educational provision which his learning difficulty called for, or special school nominated by the local education authority, had no need, for the purposes of s 160(2)(a) of the Education Act 1993, to consider the presumption in favour of mainstream schools or parental choice. However, when considering whether a mainstream school would be compatible with the efficient use of resources under s 160(2)(c), parental preference had to be balanced against cost.

the appellants; Rabinder Single (Conneil Solicitors for the respondents.

#### Customs & Excise v The Kilroy Television Co Ltd; QBD Crown Office List (Carnwath J) 19 May 1997. Where a television company

provided a buffet meal free to participants in a television programme and the meal was the only recompense they received for that participation, input tax could be credited on the supply of the meal as it had been provided in pursuance of a contractual obligation, and was not business entertainment within the meaning of Art 5 of the Value Added Tax (Input Tax) Order 1992.

Alison Foster (Customs & Excise Solie) itor) for the appellants: David Ewan (Pearlmans) for the respondent

# Local government

R v London Borough of Newhorn, ex p Gorenkin: QBD Crown Office List (Carnwath J) 13 May 1997. The duty to provide care and attention under s 21 of the National Assistance Act 1948 only

arose where persons were in need of accommodation. It was not, therefore, possible for the local authority to provide food vouchers to a political asylum seeker who had accommodation but was otherwise destitute.

Stephen Knafler (Clore & Co) for the applicant. Kelvin Rutledge (Council olicities) for the respondent.

#### Contempt Re Stevens and Holness; QBD Div Ct

(Pill L.L. Astill J. 21 May 1997. Where there were allegations of interference with a prosecution witness, a Crown Court judge had no power to remand an alleged contemnor in custody before a contempt had been proved. If a judge wished to make sure that an alleged contemnor was not at liberty for the rest of the trial he had either to adjourn the trial to deal with the summary trial of the contempt himself, or refer the matter to another judge. He could not remand the alleged contemnor in custody to await the decision of the Attorney

General. Colur Hutchison (Tyndallwoods, Rirmingham) for the applicants; Philip Bown (CPS) for the respondent.

### Adoption

Re W (adoption; FD (Singer J) 10 Apr 1997. There was nothing in the Adoption Act 1976 to prevent the making of an adoption order in favour of a single person who was living with another in a homosexual or lesbian relationship.

Jeremy Posnansky QC. Roger Bickerdike for the mother; Sally Cahill for the local authority; Joanna Trythall, solicitor for the guardian ad litera.

# Welchman

# Smaller companies group presses for a three-tier market

The campaign for a new-look market terms the requirements strength. Cisco, the lobby group which represents companies outside the Footsie and the FTSE 250 indexes, may not be particularly powerful or well known but it can claim to have nudged the Stock Exchange into creating AIM, by general

consent an outstanding success.

Now it is prodding the Exchange again, this time suggesting it should act on proposals formulated five years

The idea is a three-tier market. Companies in Footsic and the FTSE 250 index should be grouped together in a sort of Premiership; the rest of the fully listed herd should become what would amount to a Nationwide League and, to maintain the football analogy, AIM and Seat shares would create a Vauxhall Conference

of, say, Glaxo Wellcome, differ dramatically from AIM-listed Stanford Rook, even if they are

both drug companies. Of course, the needs of institutional investors and private investors are also vastly different and the same argument can and should be made for introducing systems to accom-

modate their respective needs. Whether a two-tier market for hig and small investors will ever emerge is far from clear, but the Cisco initiative for market segmentation may make headway. After all, the Exchange came out in favour of the idea in 1992 and despite five years' inertia remains committed to the muhi-market formula.

John Kemp-Welch, the Cazenove man who is Exchange chairman, drew attention to the need to "have a

"One size", said Mr Kemp-Welch, "does not fit all," and Katie Morris, Cisco's chief executive, has raised the possibility of companies deserting London for Nasdaq, the American market, or the fledg-

ling Easdag European market. Obviously, the days when an aspiring domestic company only thought in terms of a home-grown quote are long gone. Paris and Frankfurt are still small and insignificant share markets, but they are making strenuous efforts to increase their appeal. And Nasdaq and Easdaq have already enjoyed some success in attracting companies which would

normally settle for London. A variety of arguments for segmentation, including differ-ing tax needs, can be produced. But it is internationalisation which could bring things to a

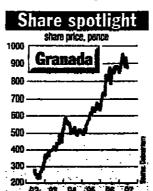


STOCK MARKET WEEK

## DEREK PAIN

Stock market reporter of the year

ternational market, the Exchange may need to increase regulation - quarterly reporting, international accounting standards - and respond to the



heavy influence of US investment houses in areas such as corporate governance. To focus on defending the market in leading stocks without paying due care and attention to the needs of smaller, developing companies is myopic."

It adds: "Smaller companies are important to the economy, making a significant contribution to economic growth and wealth creation. A vibrant market requires a supply of companies willing to submit themselves to rigorous transparency and regulatory rules, therefore being suitable

Cisco could well draw an uncomfortable comparison from the way small investors have been treated in the rush to ac-

commodate the demands of the large investment houses. Last week, shares seemed mesmerised by New York. So it was appropriate that Legal & General's investment team had a rethink about Wall Street. It believes New York is overvalued and suggests it will remain

so in the longer term although a correction could be near. If L&G is right, yet another part of the argument for a soaraway Footsie remains in place. Forecasts for Footsie to hit 5,000 in a year's time are commonplace: some suggest it could be approaching 8,000 by the millennium.

Turning to this week,

getting the vast majority of will have been enhanced by a quoted companies. will have been enhanced by a full contribution from the £3.9bn Forte takeover.

The figures, however, will not be the main market interest. Investors remains fixated by the timing of asset sales, mainly former Forte businesses.

Still for sale are nine upmarket hotels, the Savoy Hotel stake and the computer maintenance side. Other bits and pieces are also on the block. There must be a strong probability that Granada will announce at least one disposal with its figures on Wednesday.

Today BAA, the airports group, lands with year's results - around £440m up from £403m is expected before allowing for a £40m hit over the

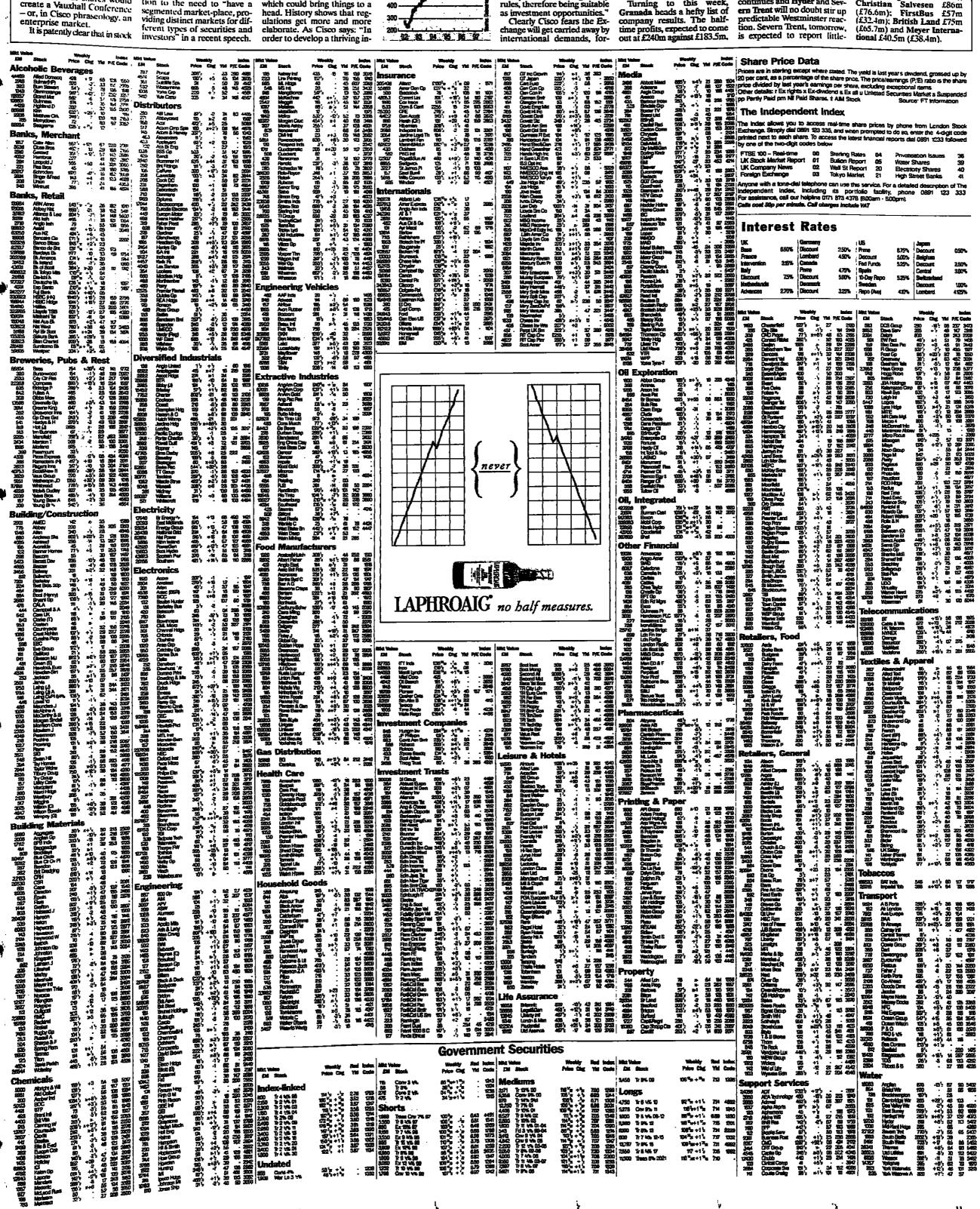
Terminal Five saga.

The water reporting season continues and Hyder and Sev-

changed profits of £372m, but its strong balance sheet could tempt a substantial dividend increase. Hyder, the Welsh electricity and water combine, will also have dividend growth in mind today, with profits some 28 per cent higher at £215m. NatWest Securities suspects Severn will increase its dividend by 11 per cent and Hyder by 14

Dairy groups Unigate and Northern Foods are unlikely to offer much in the way of profits cream. In a year of reshaping, Unigate is forecast to be off some £15m at £110m when it reports today and Northern Foods, tomorrow, should be marginally higher at £128m.

Among others on the results list are Electrocomponents, which is expected to produce £110m (against £98.0m); Christian Salvesen £86m (£76.6m); FirstBus £57m



# business & city

BUSINESS & CITY EDITOR: JEREMY WARNER

# Centrica puts gas meter business up for sale

Chris Godsmark **Business Correspondent** 

The business responsible for a million coin and electronic prepayment gas meters across the country has been put up for sale by Centrica, the demerged British Gas supply operation, in a move which will raise further doubts about the costs of supplying low-income customers as domestic energy competition

Centrica's main supply arm, has recently invited offers to buy or run the pre-payment meter operation through a notice in the European Commission's official journal, though the likely price of any deal is being kept commercially confidential. The business, called Quantum after the electronic smartcard meters which are progressively replacing the traditional coinoperated variety, was inherited

is based in Newcastle and employs around 150 staff, mostly carrying out "back office" tasks. with many employed on shortterm contracts. Quantum, which remains a monopoly used by rival independent suppliers as well as BGT, runs around a million pre-payment meters, though according to the Gas Consumers' Council (GCC) only about 900,000 are in use at

any time. The decision to hive

a joint venture with Group 4, the security group, to offload its main household meter reading business, AccuRead.

BGT confirmed it was examining selling or outsourcing the Quantum office. A spokesman said: "BGT is looking at how this operation will run in the future, including a possibility of this service being provided outside British Gas. Investigations into a number of options are at off the division follows the es- an early stage and the tender-

The central Quantum office tablishment earlier by BGT of ing process is only part of that ongoing investigation."

The sale comes at a sensitive time for the industry, as the Government has instructed Ofgas, the regulatory watchdog, to review differences in charges for pre-payment customers in competition trials under way in the South of England. The GCC has been increasingly concerned at the apparent reluctance of some independents to supply pre-payment customers, given the additional costs of up to £80.

GCC, warned that British Gas would have to invest up to £1m in improving the system before selling it off.

"If they want to sell it, they've got to spend money on it first. The issue is about how you get the investment in the system, especially if the Government stops suppliers from cherry-picking more affluent customers. It's a problem for the industry as a whole," said Ms Slipman. The GCC's solution was to

Sue Slipman, director of the impose a levy on suppliers who had not taken on a proportion of pre-payment customers.

John Battle, the Industry Minister, warned last week that "unbundling" costs in the in-dustry should not make in-poorest customers worse off, warning of the dangers of "fuel poverty". In one case the GCC found an independent gas supplier was charging 34 per cent more to supply pre-payment meter customers than those on direct debit.

Railtrack heads for new pay storm

Clifford German

Railtrack looked set to sail into a new controversy yesterday after it emerged that it planned to press ahead with long-term bonus schemes which could reward directors and top man-agers with free shares worth in excess of £2m two years from now, without seeking shareholder approval.

The news comes just days the

rail group faced fierce criticism from John Prescott, the Environment and Transport Secretary, over the announcement of a 27 per cent rise in annual profits to £346m, and the bonus is likely to reignite the row over executive pay in the wake of the dispute between the Heritage Secretary Chris Smith and the directors of Camelot, the operators of the National Lottery.

Railtrack has rejected pressure from Pirc, the Pensions and Investments Research Consultants, to comply with the recommendations of the Greenbury Committee report in 1995 and seek fresh shareholder approval. The company argues that approval had been obtained before 1 May last year. while the government was the sole shareholder, and the requirements of the Greenbury report have therefore been met.

The long-term bonuses are not due to be paid until 1999. But they are linked to annual bonuses payable over the next three years which allow directors to pay half their annual cash bonuses into a trust which invests the proceeds in shares. The bonuses cannot exceed 40 per cent of basic salaries. After three years the directors could be entitled to five times the value of funds in the trust.

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The exact value would be influenced by the performance of the shares, and also by extra payments approved by the railways regulator to reward reduced delays in railway services. The Department of Transport said yesterday Railtrack bad already been awarded an extra £72m for

reducing train delays.

The Department of Transport three cable companies with confirmed yesterday that approval for the bonus schemes ( ) had been obtained before privatisation and had been mentioned in the flotation prospectus.

# emerges. British Gas Trading (BGT), by Centrica when the old British Gas split itself into two. C&W set for key role in China's £6bn float

## Magnus Grimond and Chris Godsmark

Cable & Wireless, the international telecommunications group, could become the lead corporate investor in the first Chinese telecoms group to open its doors to foreign capi-tal after a Hong Kong flotation which is expected to value it at un to £6bn.

Goldman Sachs, the US investment bank, is said to be working on plans for the stock market launch of China Telecom Hong Kong, which is to be-come the main vehicle by which China Telecom, the state operator, raises outside capital for development.

Such a move would represent an early payback for Dick Brown, C&W chief executive, following Friday's £726m deal to sell a stake in the group's Hongkong Telecom subsidiary to China Telecom, when it was also promised a place as principal foreign investor in CTHK at some stage in the future.

It could also prove the catalyst for Mr Brown to realise his long-cherished aim of gaining membership of Global One,

the rival international telecoms network to BT and MCI's Concert alliance, which includes his former employer, the US group Sprint.

Entry by C&W up to now has been blocked by Deutsche Telecom and France Telecom, which have argued that the British group has nothing to bring to the party. The possibility that it will be the first foreign group to demonstrate a significant presence in the world's most populous country may also pave the way for links with Nippon Telephone & Telegraph, the giant Japanese operator, which has been courted by all the main international telephone groups.

Signs that Priday's China Telecomedal is

com deal is already thawing relations with Peking came yesterday in suggestions from Hong Kong yesterday that C&W was set to revive talks over the construction of a mobile phone network for the Chinese capital. The company is already working on a fibre-optic link between Peking and Hong Kong, which is set to transfer from British to Chinese control next month.

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China Telecom Hong Kong will be the largest public share logical development. One com- in China Telecom Hong Kong

mented: "That company has and through that into the Chi-been set up to take advantage of nese telecoms market itself." According to C&W that marcom every 15 months.

Friday's deal involved C&W selling 5.5 per cent of its 59 per cent stake in Hongkong Telecom to China Telecom, with

Mr Brown promised then that this would not be the last announcement on the deal. "This establishes the platform for news to come later. It won't come in the weeks ahead, but certainly in the months ahead. There is much to be done and that's in the interests of both of us."

cousins, as Jo Walton of broker

Lehman Brothers points out, their risk

existing chemicals, where all the data

- animal tests, safety, which patients

to target, which clinical trials to use -

are already known. Times to market

are shorter and the chances of success

are higher." Mr Zisson agrees: "It takes

a delivery company about three to four

years to get a drug to market, com-

pared to six years for a normal drug."
Financial risks are also lower.

Robert Chess, chief executive of Inhale,

estimates his research costs are a

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And as Richard Stewart, Skye-

Pharma's finance director, points out,

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which it has been merged. By September the separate brand names will have disappeared in an operation which it knows must not confuse the

IN BRIEF

### **Abbey National rebuffs NatWest**

place those of Mercury, C&W's

main UK subsidiary, and the

The board of Abbey National rejected the idea of discussing a £25bn merger with National Westminster Bank on the grounds that Abbey would be handed the unwelcome task of integrating the retail banking divisions and taking responsibility for widespread branch closures, redundancies and customer dissatisfaction. NatWest would meanwhile have the more glamorous task of creating an international mega-bank, which City wags christened Westminster

Chief executive Peter Birch believes there is no advantage for Abbey to pick up the problems and incur the immense unpopularity for the few hundred million pounds the integration could save. Abbey National's future was more likely to lie in further growth, diversification and acquisitions, a spokesman said yesterday. Its stated aim is to derive 50 per cent of its profit from non-traditional activities by the year 2000. The figure is already 40 per cent.

# Granada dampens expectations of YTT bid 🥨

A report that Granada was lining up an imminent bid worth over £600m for fellow north of England TTV group Yorkshire-Tyne Tees was being played down by both sides yesterday. Granada, which is forecast to announce a 31 per cent rise in annual profits to £240m on Wednesday, is thought to have worked out a takeover planon wednesday, is indugin to have worked out a takeover plan-with Yorkshire, but nothing immediate is expected to come of it.

Any move this week would come as a surprise to Ward Thomas, as the Yorkshire chairman is not due back from a holiday in the south of France until Thursday.

Separately, Granada confirmed that it had agreed a £45m deal to sell Brown's Hotel in London's West End to Raffles Holdings, owner of the eponymous luxury hotel in Singapore. Brown's 20 quired by Granada after the Forte takeover, has during its 160-year life played host to Haile Selassie, Napoleon III and Theodore Roosevelt's last night as a bachelor.

## Work starts on Tunnel Rail Link

Engineering work on the Channel Tunnel Rail Link has begun, the developer, London & Continental Railways said yesterday. Five tunnelling contracts together worth £800m on the 108km high-speed link have also been put out for tender, and the first bid, worth £300m, has already been received. The first contract should be awarded by late summer.

# Computer specialist plans float

AIT, a specialist provider of computer systems for the financial services sector, plans to float this summer. It is expected to self off 40-50 per cent of its shares by way of a placing through broken Greig Middleton, to raise £10m. of which about £2m will be new money. The company was founded in 1986 by managing director. Richard Hicks, who will cut his stake from 45 to 25 per cent. In the year to the end of March last AIT doubled profits to £1. In the year to the end of March last AIT doubled profits to £1.

# Latin America expected to lead growth

The world economy will grow by about 3.3 per cent this year, according to 450 experts polled by the IFO research institute in Munich. Latin America is expected to lead the way with 5.2 per cent, ahead of Asia with 4 per cent, North America 2.8 per cent and Europe 2.3 per cent.

## Publisher set for AIM listing

Helicon Publishing, best known for publishing the Hutchinson Encyclopaedia, is planning a listing on the AIM next month. The company was formed from a management buyout of the Hutchinson reference division from Random House in March 1992.



Wireless Communications reach parity with the Chinese. launches a single brand to re-

issue yet of any company with links to mainland China. The plan is for it to have certain assets of China Telecom injected into it before the flotation.

Neither Cable & Wireless nor Goldman Sachs would comment on the reports yesterday, CTHK would be an entirely

been set up to take advantage of capital markets in Hong Kong and give foreign investors access to Chinese telecoms develonments. Cable & Wireless will be the lead corporate investor in that company [putting] us into but insiders said a flotation of a unique position as the only non-Chinese telecoms investor

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The reports come as Cable &

# A hi-tech boom helps the medicine go down

Faced with the prospect of having a needle jabbed into their private parts, most men would politely decline, but until recently such an injection has been the most effective way to cure male impotence.

Then Vivus, a US drug delivery company, found an alternative - packaging the same drug into pellets to be delicately inserted into the urethra and took half the \$60m world market in four months.

The next improvement could come from PowderJect, which will float on the London stock market this month and has a pain-free, needle-less injection. "If all men suffering from impotence had treatment, this would be a \$500m market," says Paul Drayson. PowderJect's chairman. As this example shows starkly, the way

a drug is given can matter at least as much as what it does. This is the premise behind the drug delivery industry. The sector has come from nowhere 10 years ago, to capture a \$12bn slice of the \$150bn world-wide pharmaceutical market. Moreover drug delivery is growing fast - at 15-20 per cent a year, twice as fast

as the wider drugs market.

The product that put drug delivery on the map was a heart pill called Procardia XL. The first version of Procardia, sold by Pfizer, had to be swallowed three times a day, restricting sales to \$400m a year, and in 1989 was

Injections without needles, pills with microchips – drug delivery systems are a rapidly growing sector, writes Sameena Ahmad

ery company - which came up with a once-a-day version, reviving Procardia's patent and tripling sales to \$1.2bn. Felix Theeuwes, Alza's president of research and development, remembers the excitement: "We enormously expanded the market for angina drugs. Our technology gave Pfizer its first

billion-dollar drug."
The range of delivery technologies today is vast and ingenious. It includes everything from simple skin patches, in-halers, gels and nasal sprays to implants, pills with microchips and contact lenses that release drugs into the eye.

SkyePharma's Geomatrix technology, for example, can release a drug in tablet form immediately, slowly over days or in prescribed bursts so that, say, someone at risk of heart attack could take a pill before bed and get regular doses throughout the night. Elan is developing a smart pill embedded with a microchip and Alza has a titanium implant, no bigger than a matchstick,

that leaks out a cancer drug over a year. The most exciting area in delivery, though, is driven by the biotechnology industry, which is developing protein and peptide-based compounds like insulin. These large and complex molecules have to be given by injection

insulin and brittle bone pills. Inhale has an insulin dry powder inhaler and PowderJect a helium pump which can drive molecules through the skin at three times the speed of sound.

For both patients and healthcare pay ers, there are huge benefits in all this - the easier a drug is to take, the more compliant a patient will be. Alex Zisson of US broker Hambrecht & Quist

Drug delivery contenders Market value Company Alza Corp (US) \$2.5bn Cortecs (UK) £277m Cygnus . \$292m Dura Pharmacls (US) \$1,7bn Elan Corp (Irish/US) £2.5bn Ethical Holdings (US/UK) \$78m **Guilford Pharmacks** \$501m \$307m Liposome Company (US) \$993m PowderJect (UK) £109m \$1.3bn RP Scherer Shire Pharmacis (UK) £198m SkyePharma (UK) £307m. TheraTech (US) \$237m

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Among the many companies working in this area, Cortecs is developing pliance are central to the delivery sector: "In the US, 28 per cent of hospital admissions can be traced to people not taking their drugs properly."
Glen Travers, chairman of Cortees,

says that less than a third of women prescribed hormone patches for brittle bones stay on the treatment after two years: "The cost to the US government in hospital fees to treat broken bones is \$10bn a year and growing."

For the big pharmaceutical compa-nies, meanwhile, a clever delivery sys-tem can extend the patent life of their drugs, generating substantial extra revenues. The number of alliances with specialist delivery companies is growing. financially unrewarding for pharma

Alza's Mr Theeuwes says: "It is groups to spend millions on their own technologies to improve just one drug." Donal Geaney, president of Elan, says: "Many medicines stay on the shelf because they cannot be delivered properly and this is costly." Rolf Stabel, chief executive of Shire,

sees another reason for alliances: "Research directors in big pharma groups are not enthusiastic about delivery. It does not lead to Nobel prizewinners." Investors, though, should be more excited. While the small numbers of UK delivery companies are normally

ing an old drug are borne by clients. while established sales and marketing teams can push the new version at minimal cost: "All this means more in royalties," he says. Though royalties can limit upside, companies working in protein delivery or on big drugs stand to gain substantial returns and make profits sooner than

products, risks are spread.

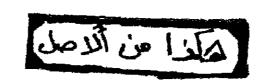
most biotechs. So far, their potential is more apparent in the US. According to Ms Walton: "Investors are more cynical in the UK, where hopefuls like Cortecs have not yet made it. In the US there are some huge and profitable companies." UK delivery companies may not be far behind. lumped in with their biotechnology

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# **GAVYN DAVIES**

The French and German governments tried both fudges and austerity, claiming Maastricht required such action. In the process they succeeded in linking the single currency with recession in voters' minds - an association which could still prove the death knell for the treaty'

# Fetish figure that threatens the single currency

under the impact of twin blows from the French electorate and the German Bundesbank in the past few days. Yet if the Maastricht convergence criteria were interpreted sensibly, as the drafters of the treaty originally intended, then many of the latest difficulties would disappear. It is not too late for European politicians to realise this, and to start talking common sense on this subject, instead of just mouthing meaningless numbers from Maastricht.

On the face of it, the obstacles to the scheduled start date now look formidable. Just as the French have become minded to ask for a looser interpretation of the Maastricht convergence criteria, and for a renegotiation of the Stability Pact, the ability of the Kohl government to make concessions has been heavily circumscribed by its débacle over the Bundesbank's gold

This is a very menacing combination. It remains to be seen whether the Jospin government will choose to keep its new demands within the confines of what can be agreed by the Bundesbank. If it does not, then delay or cancellation of the project will become possible - as British politicians (always hoping to dance on the grave of Maastricht) have eagerly pointed out this week.

But some of these headaches are really quite unnecessary. They stem from an overrigid interpretation of the Maastricht budget criterion - an interpretation which has looked politically convenient in several countries for the last couple of years, but which now threatens the entire project. This is how the problem arose.

When the treaty was first drafted, it was recognised that the existence of a single involve. Among other things, currency would carry inevitable implications they suggested that it should

The scheduled 1999 start date for the curo is looking increasingly rocky under the impact of the imp policing of the fiscal stances of the member states.

The reason for this is compelling. Once inside a single currency, members would be able to finance budget deficits at a common rate of interest, and under certain circumstances this could mean that highly indebted countries would be able to lean on the creditworthiness of their fellow member states in order to hold down their own borrowing costs.

In order to prevent this "free rider" problem from getting out of hand, the treaty requires that, to qualify for membership of the single currency, countries must show that they have attained "sustainable" budget positions. This means that they must be in a position where their budget deficits are low enough to stabilise their public debt ratios at a prudent level.

So far, so good. No one with the slight-est understanding of economics could object to this requirement. And no country with a sustainable budget position (eg Germany) would enter a monetary union with another member state (eg Italy) unless it could be confident that the political system of the latter was capable of delivering a sustainable budget position for the indefinite future.

However, in a search to avoid the need for subjective judgments when the final membership came to be assessed, the drafters of the treaty attempted to define in numerical terms what a sustainable budget position might

3 per cent of GDP. The 60 per cent debt ratio was arbitrarily set at the level which the EU happened to exhibit at the time, and the budget limit was set to correspond to this figure. But just in case anyone should take such arbitrary figures too seriously, the treaty included a number of hedge clauses which were intended to allow subsequent wriggling room, should it be needed.

Unfortunately, however, the German Finance Minister, Theo Waigel, decided to take the 3 per cent limit for the budget deficit absolutely literally, and also to apply it to the 1997 calendar year outcome (which had never been mentioned at all in the treaty).

He did this for a simple reason. Towards the end of last year, it appeared likely that Germany and France would be able to reduce their budget deficits to below 3 per

not. Since the Germans felt that it would deficit are as important as the outcome in be politically impossible to sell a monetary union to their own electorate if Italy were included, they alighted upon the 3 per cent limit as an "objective" way of keeping the Italians out of the first round. Dr Waigel went around chanting his "3.0 per cent means 3.0 per cent" mantra, and for a while it became deeply unfashionable to point out that such a literal interpretation of the budget limit was completely contrary to the letter and spirit of the treaty.

This convenient piece of political-speak, however, has badly backfired. As the recession has dragged on in both France and Germany, it has become apparent that the 3 per cent budget limit could not be hit in 1997 without either a series of budget "fudges", or some genuine austerity mea-sures which were entirely mappropriate in

the economic circumstances. Governments tried both fudges and gen-

uine austerity, claiming that Maastricht required such action. In the process, the same governments not only brought themselves into disrepute with their electorates, but succeeded in linking the single currency with recession in the voters minds - an association which was quite unnecessary, and could still prove the death knell for the

This association was unnecessary because the treaty had clearly foreshadowed that the 3 per cent limit could be waived in case of recession, both by saying that the structural (ie cyclically adjusted) deficit could

any given year. The single currency does not need to spell austerity and recession it is just the politicians who have chosen to make it so.

t would always have been open to the Germans and French - and indeed it still is - to make the following statement: "Germany and France both have sustainable budget positions, as defined by the treaty, notwithstanding the fact that our deficits will exceed 3 per cent of GDP in 1997 for cyclical reasons.

Both countries have demonstrated over many years that our political systems can maintain this situation. Despite the Herculean efforts of the Prodi government. Italy has not yet demonstrated as much. though significant progress is being made. We therefore intend to proceed to monetary union on time, with Italy hopefully following shortly thereafter.

Probably the UK would call this a "fudge", but it would not be one. Instead, it would be an adult statement of reality. the kind of reality on which countries should really decide whether to form monetary unions with one another. Encouragingly, Wim Duisenberg, who shortly becomes head of the European Monetary Institute. said on Friday that the 3 per cent budget limit was a "fetish", and that what mattered was whether budgets were broadly moving in the direction of sustainability.

Exactly. If France and Germany have the will to follow this line, then the 1999 start date can still be rescued - though, if Lionel Jospin is serious about the inclusion of Italy from the start, then it is hard to see how this formula, or indeed any other, can be taken into account, and by accommodate his wishes.

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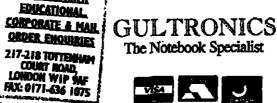
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# The day the gypsies rode into town

#### **Matthew Brace** on Appleby's horse fair - the biggest event in the gypsy calendar

They are hounded off the land. their children are turned away from schools and they are treated with contempt by much of society, but this week the gypsies are celebrating their life and traditions in style.

The great horse fair at Appleby is the biggest event in the gypsy calendar. Thousands make the pilgrimage from around Britain, Ireland and the Continent to the small Cumbrian market town beneath the glowering Pennines to catch up with relatives, meet future marriage partners and sell

During the weeks prior to the fair gypsies begin arriving, decorating the nearby lanes with their painted caravans. This year many were not given access to their traditional camp site overlooking the town on Fair Hill, or Gallows Hill as it is also known, until the last minute, causing overcrowding in the roads approaching the town.

Appleby has a festival air about it. Between the painted caravans are trading stalls and fortune tellers and the streets are full of gypsies and hangerson who come to see a slice of ancient travelling life. In the evenings, the gypsies drink late under light, summer skies and across Fair Hill the sounds of ancient ballads can be heard from the campfires.

But the fair has an altogether more serious side too. It is where old scores are settled. Barely a year goes by without fights between sworn enemies taking place.

And there is the cut-throat business of horse-selling. Horses are washed and groomed along the banks of the river Eden which flows through the town and dealers demonstrate their animals' fitness and strength by running them through the crowds at speed, scattering the on-lookers. Until a recent ban, the horse dashes took place through the main

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Ground work: Gypsies on Fair Hill in Appleby ready for this week's horse fair. Travellers have gathered there to celebrate their way of life for centuries (below)

Main photograph: David Rose

streets, their owners shouting for people to get out of the way. Thousands of pounds change hands on races run over the meadows and lanes where it is common to see horses gallop-

bareback. The harness races, crowds.

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Today is one of the main trading days when vital money is earned to see the dealers ing without harnesses and their through the lean winter months young riders sometimes going of travelling ahead. Some fam-

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ilies have been making a living with small buggies, also draw the trading horses at Appleby for centuries.

The fair is said to date from 1685 when James II gave Appleby a charter for "the purchase and sale of all manner of

and geldings". However, some maintain horses have been traded in Appleby since as far back as the 13th century. This year's fair, which ends on Wednesday, is expected to attract more than 20,000 people. By Saturday morning, more than 500 caravans had parked up and Fair

Hill was already crowded. Cumbria police, wisely, let the gypsies get on with it. As one duty officer put it on Friday night: "I wouldn't say it was ever quiet round the horse fair. There are always some gypsies who get into fights with old rivals, but they don't involve the public. So far this year it's peaceful."

There are other horse fairs around Britain. Charles Kightly's compendium of traditional festivals and rituals, The Customs and Ceremonies of Britain, notes the Barnaby Fair at Boroughbridge, North York-shire, in late June, one in Brigg, Lincolnshire, in the first week of August, and the West Yorkshire and Dewsbury Fair in late August. But none is as grand

and as impressive as Appleby. Charlie Smith, chairman of the Gypsy Council, an independent rights group, ac-knowledges that the Appleby Horse Fair and the whole gypsy way of life has been at risk for years but blames the previous government for doing much to make the situation even

worse.
"This fair, all our fairs, all our moder threat. traditions, are under threat. It's not a new thing but since the Criminal Justice Act was introduced, things have got worse, he said.

"We have had far more prob-

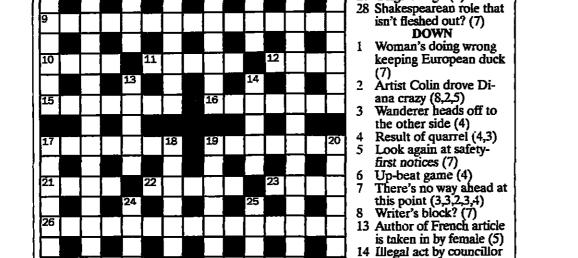
lems with the laws of trespass which have seen more and more gypsies turned off land." The trespass laws have allowed police to evict gypsies along with other itinerant travellers and squatters with

Also, reports Mr Smith. far more gypsy children are being turned away from schools, causing a serious setback to literacy rates and meaning that more travelling families having to find time to educate Prescott, the Deputy Prime

their children themselves. He is hoping that Labour in government, as they promised in opposition, will avert the decline in gypsies rights and he is awaiting a reply from John

Minister, with whom he has requested talks.

But for this week, politics and hardships are being put aside as the biggest annual show of gypsy solidarity and celebration parties on a Cumbrian hillside.



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**YINING** 

The full-back Dion Bird scored Paris St-Germain's first try after Try-TOUR minutes against Hunter Mariners yesterday



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Matt Tench visits the dangerous world of shinty, where on this occasion only a record ended up smashed

As the teums were welconaed onto the pitch by the pipers, it was possible to detect the similarities to that other cup final — the scarves, the painted finees, the football songs specially adapted — but what struck you more were the differences. There were no touls, no players' pools and, best of all, no Jimmy Hill.

Of the 24 players who lined up ready for the ady termed hi-off, most eyes in a crowd of urrund 2,000 were focused on Kingussie's Ronald Ross, a legend in the making whose resemblance to Roy Race gaves way beyond the alliterutively olavious.

Rass has enjayed a prodigious season, scoring more than 70 goals when thalf that number would normally be regarded as a remarkable haul. His presence in the Kingussie side was not

he said, "but I want some." An Ross go on to be regarded as or sport's all-time greats? "I thir ready is."

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and apparently hetter than ever. The league had been wen without losing a game and victory in the Giennexranglie Camanachd Cup final would give Kingussic the grand slam.

Shinty is played throughout Scotland but Kingussic to promonis could not have been closer. They came from the next doxy village of Newtonmore, the two existing in a permanent state of cheerful enmity three miles apart in the game's Highlands heartland. Newtonmore have enjoyed the ascendancy for more have enjoyed the ascendancy for much of a 100-year rivalry, but Turner, like just about everybody else, felt their young side was overnatched on Saturday, all the more so because they rivally be without Evan Cheyne, their best defender, who was suspended after heing sent off a few weeks earlier. There was just one reason for New tonnore optimism, Turner said: the wind that was beginning to swirl across the Fort William ground which is sighter! Shall long. They'll lather the hell out of sit, Turner predicted.

without its poignancy for Newtonmore supporters, for he might have been playing for them. Ross's mother comes from thoroughbred Newtonmore stock, but his father lan, a Kingussie player and their manager for the last six years, claimed seigniorial rights and 24-year old Ronald has been weering their but and red hoops since first picking up a sick. "Newtonmore were a wee bit scannered," said Turner, and you knew what he meant.

Ross was quick to make an impact as battle commenced amid a claiter of cannens and blur of extended limbs. Ross's first shot on target came after four minutes, the first camen snapped monents later. As Kingussic settled into their rhythm, their No 6 spun neally in midfield, "Ally Dallas never hought a drink in his life," a man in a thick blue and white scarf muttered darkly.

After 10 minutes, Ross scored, turning impressively before drilling the ball home from 12 yards, and by halffure it was clearly going to be Kingussic's day. Ross had plundered in hist-trick, his attacking partner Kevin Thain claimed two more, and the

Ringussic defence marshalled? Borthwick with Hansen-like a The only question for the seco was whether Kingussic would by cup final scoring record of 11. They did, with Ross scremblin his fifth deep into highury time to a 12-1 victory. The rewards in viains a proudly amateur sporthandsome cup and a gullon of the sor's finest to fill it. For Ross, why be a millionaire were he simila cessful as a footballer, there will by the glory and a shrug shoulders. "I know footballers or lions, but they're not as fit as us," His cuptain, Ali Borthwick, quibble with Ross' status as ma match. "I don't know what Ror for breakfast on a Saturday me he said, "but I want some." And he said, "but I want some." And

MONDAY 9 JUNE 1897 • THE INDEPENDENT SPORT "Hockey," said Jock Turner, choosing in his words carefully, "is fairly restricting. In shinly there are no hands, no feet, gut but everything else is legal."

It was a couple of hours before shinty contemplative mod. The subject undered Glasgow policenan, was in contemplative mod. The subject undered Glasgow policenan, was in contemplative mod. The subject undered Glascussion was what made shinty—or cananachd as it is known in Gaelic—so dangerous. It all came down to being able to wield the stick, or camen, unfettered by the petty limitations impreved on hockey players.

This could lead to some fearsome infinites. Then who is chairman of the South of Scotland Camanachd Association, said, and to illustrate the point whe promptly whipped out his dentures be to reveal a chasm where his four front teeth should have been.

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# McCarthy given new contract up to 2000

Mick McCarthy can breathe more easily after being given a two-year extension to his contract as manager of the Republic of Ireland, taking him up to the Euro 2000 finals in the Netherlands and Belgium.

McCarthy was given overwhelming support by a Football Association of Ireland board meeting in Athlone, with 19 delegates providing their support, none against and two abstentions. The original deal for McCarthy, who was appointed in February last year as successor to Jack Charlton, was due to expire at the end of the World Cup in France.

The Polish national coach, Antoni Piechniczek, has resigned a week after his side lost 2-0 to England, ending their chances of qualifying for next year's World Cup finals. Deputy coach Krzysztof Pawlak will take over for the time being.

Another coach to go over the westiond was Claudio Ranieri, who has left Fiorentian after a disappointing season in which the club finished minth to Serie A and therefore falled to win a spot in the Urfa Cup. Reports suggest that Alberto Malesani, the coach of Second Division side Chievo, was likely to take over from Ranieri.

French rethink on fences

Lothar Matthäus was dropped as the captain of the German champions Bayern Munich on Saturday following the newspaper publication of his "Secret Diaries", an insight into the club's turbulent season. The Bayern chairman, Franz Beckenbauer, said that the defender Thomas Helmer would take over as captain.

over as captain.
"There are serious problems for Lothar," said Bayern's business manager, Uli Höness. "The diary was taken very badly by the board."

The diary appeared on Friday and included details of a 10,000 marks (£3,600) bet Matthäus made against the Bayern striker Jürgen Klinsmann scoring 15 goals in the season. Matthäus lost the wager, made with Hönces last winter, as Klinsmann scored precisely 15 goals, helping Bayern win a record 14th title. The Sampdoria-bound Klinsmann was shocked by the bet and said he could no longer take his former team-mate seriously.

Middlesbrough's Brazilian international Juninho, who is believed to be leaving the club, has won the North-East Football Writers' Player of the Year award. The 24-year-old midfielder was a clear winner, with the Newcastle United and England siriker Alan Shearer run-

slippers.
Needing 118 to win, the saffice as Australia scored in their first innitings. England, set off like men in a hurry less they had Head ingley of 1981 on their minds. It they did, their nerve did not betray it, and the nine-wicket win at Edgbaston in 1997 will go down as the time the Australians got a taste of their own medicine.

The margin was perhaps too great for this Test to be considered a classic. Mind you, considered as early as the second decided as early as the second day, the Australian fight-back, led by a long overdue century from their captain Mark Taylor lent a

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reports from Edgbaston
Australia 118 & 477
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England win by nine wickets

The moment the whole of English cricket has been waiting for appears to have arrived. England have not only beaten Australia with comprehensive case they have taken the tead in an Asias soiles. It is in a cheve ment hitherto thought beyond them, but one taken hip case confortably as Kingstake to carpet slippers.

Fittingly, England's captain Mike Atherton was on hand to see his side home with an aggressive unbeaten 57, full of his trademark drives off the back foot. There were hugs and little punches of joy as Alec Stewart sealed the contest by smashing Warne to the cover fence. In this match, England have played with real aggression and purpose. Cone was the caution that has sometimes dogged. Atherton's captaincy in the past. Over the last few days, he has stood out, a commanding figure unafraid to give his bowlers a rocket or his opponents a grin. England have now won their last three Test matches and are on something of a roll. Sustaining a high level of performance will be the skipper's next challenge and one that will be crucial if the Ashes are to return at the end of the summer.

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He had added 194 with his captain when Croft lured Taylor that chipping, back a refurnition chipping, back a refurnition chipping, back a refurnition that had eluded the pacebowlers. Continuing after lunch, the Glamorgan off-spinner removed Blewett, caught by Mark Butcher at silly point, as the ball rebounded off pad then back of bat.

At the other end, Malcolm was propelling another fearsone spell which, although going unrewarded, softened up Steve Waugh and Michael Bevaneough for Gough to pick them both off when he replaced the Derbyshire man from the Pavillon end.

He also removed Mark Waugh, returned from hospital with a clean bill of health, though the grimace as he left the arena was probably down more to his team's impending predicament than the stomach cramps and fever that had ailed him over the weekend.

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weekend.

If Gough's spell had opened up the possibilities for a fourth-day finish, Mark Ealtam's sealed it. With that bustling waddle of his, the Kent all-rounder took 3-0 in 10 balls, a sequence only broken when Bevan, acting as runner for Gillesple, was run out by Darren Gough as he received John Crawley's throw from square leg.

With the extra half an hour available, England, motivated by a variable weather report, launched their reply as if it was the first 15 overs of a one-day match. Ninety runs were added in 18 overs and the extra half-hour was not required.

At one stage the Australian howlers were going at eight an over as Atherton and Stewart cut loss. Only Warne managed to slow things down. He will have to expand that role if Australia ure to get back on terms in this series. uffer

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After their sensational start to this Test, it would have done England good to have had two hard days' work as well. Confidence is a great asset to have, but not if it turns into apathy, and their opponents' comeback will have steeled England for the battles yet to come.

When Australia resumed, Taylor, intent on setting out his stall, as he had done on Saturday, was easily outscored by Greg Blewett. Of the 21 runs he did add, most were tucks off his legs. This was an area England's pacemen had liberally fed the day before when he had reached his first hundred in 25 Test innings.

For Thylor, it was probably the only way to sllence those who hadn't, was his wife Judy, whose faith in hier husband went as far as placing a bet on him scoring a hundred. She was the first person he rung at the end of play on Saturday.

While Taylor nudged, Blewett played expansively all round the wicket, despite the handicap of an injured left knee. His morning duel with Devon Malcolm, armed with the second new ball was tripling Blowes and tickling ribcages. Blewett responded by

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of Mark Waugh

hooking him to the boundary backward of square. When the ball had dulled, he stretched forward and two languid cover drives off Gough were perfection.

Another four, this time off Caddick, flashed past cover to bring up his hundred off 171 balls. This was Blewett's third century in only his third Ashes match, a unique record and one that underlines what a fine batsman he is

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best-of-seven sedes 2-1).

The fences could be coming down in time for next summer's World Cup finals after all as Flfa lobbies the new French Government.

The ormer Premier Alain Juppé's administration had resisted all attempts by the world game's governing body to have the iron grilles surrounding most French stadia dismantied.

The foot high bars between the oil-seated crowd and the playing surface at Montpellier's Stade de la Mosson, where England played France on Saturiay, revealed the ugly face of crowd menagement.

Fifa's general secretary Sepp Blatter has fercely lobbied for change after visiting the World Cup venue grounds in Montpellier and also in St Etienne, Lens and Nantes. With the pre-

vious government set firm in their resolve not to back down, Fifa had accepted that the fences would be staying up.

But now, however, the newly-elected government of Lionel Jospin is understood to be reconsidering the issue with the World Cup organising committee head, Fernand Sastre, looking to use his political influence to bring about a new policy.

Fifa's spokesman Keith Cooper said: "We want the fences to go and we hope that the change of government will bring a reappraisal of the situation. Sepp Blotter has made clear our position all along. We've spoken with the mayor of Montpellier and he understands that there is a good chance of the Government changing its policy."

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Nicklas Lidstrom and Darren McCarty scored for Detroit and Mike Vernon made 26 saves as the Red Wings outplayed the bigger, younger Flyers.

Vernon, who was in the Detroit goal for all 16 of the team's play-off wins after being relegated to back-up for all the regular season, was named Most Valuable Player, but virtually anyone on the team could have won the award. Vernon, a previous winner with Calgary in 1989, had an almost flawless defence in front of him.

The Red Wings beat St Louis, Anaheim and the defending champions Colorado Avalanche on their way to the final series. They dominated the Flyers as Detroit's Scotty Bowman became the first conch to win the Stanley Cup with three different teams, having already won with Montreal and Pittsburgh.

There were some tense moments when Eric Lindros scored with just 15 seconds left, But it was too late for Philadelphia, and as Vernon steered the puck behind his net as the final seconds ticked away, his captain Steve Yzerman, a Detroit player for 14 seasons, jumped into his arms. The rest of the team mobbod the pair and pandembulum ensued.



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a fundamental self-confidence, but no one human can think positively for the whole of a contest as prolonged as it Test match. England's quest yesterday was as much to keep the demons of doubt at bay as to outplay their opponents.

In that respect, the fourth day dawned with the match entering its critical phase, the fightback led with such gullantry by Mark Taylor on Saturday having test liding down. Another session won by Taylor and the admirable Greg Blewett and England just might begin to wonder if, in this company, they could play superbly for two cays, as they unquestionably did last Thursday and Friday, and still not win the Test.

At the outset, Australia still needed 104 runs simply to make England bat as second time but as the morning's play unfurled so the morning's play unfurled.

Malcolm was desperately unlacky not to go home with a tangible slive of England's success but Gough, finding the cnergy for another huge effort, gained the rewards he deserved. With that, much as Inn Healy and Shane Warne sought to preserve their side's chance, Australia is self-belief steadily

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changed the series A great game has

What a wonderful Test Match! In the end, it was a most convincing victory for England and, with five more Tests to come, this result has transformed the scries. Not since 1981 at Headingley has a single game done so much for cricket in England.

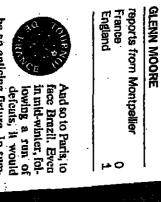
After two brilliant days at the start, it was sad to see England stutter back into bad habits and mediocrity on Saturday and the first part of Sunday. The bowers who had got it all right on Thursday could hardly have got it more wrong for those four sessions until Robert Croft put the show back on the road with his off-brusks.

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The discipline which had been obvious with Darren Gough d Andy Caddick's bowling d Nasser Hussin and Graham

The reases a reason and the reason and the reason and the reason and the reason are a plaint. The opening bowlers wasted the new ball by bowling wide, Atherton did not put enough pressure on Mark Taylor and Greg Blewett and it all became rather nudderless, especially for the first hour on the fourth morning, when 59 runs came off II.2 overs with the second new ball. It was the new ball which was neant to be England's pathway to victory, too.

Atherton gave it to Caddick and Devon Malcolm, and not to

# Alen Bolesie has moved from the Lazio after just one season in wi gland ready for revenge FOOTBALL



England are understandably toyant after Saturday's 1-0 win yer France here. "Keep your et on the ground". "Maintain level head". These are the antras Glenn Hoddle and Alan enticing fixture. In sum-ne, after six wins on the is one to savour.

But they have, they have won match after match, the best run since 1986. On Saturday, after their first success over Italy in 20 years, and in Poland in 31, England gained their first victory in the matic Shearer must now be red to dream of another fixture in Paris, a year's , a (whisper it quietly) of Confinct leir first victor 1949, Even

World Cup units.

Of course, we must not get carried away. Things can change yery quickly in sport. Brazil may expose England's flaws and pretensions just as they did in the Umbro Cup at Wembley two years ago. England improved from there to reach the last four of Euro 96 and their continued progress suggests that, whatever tomorrow night's result, they will be formidable operation in a wear's time.

position in a year's time.
Chelsea's Franck Lebouef,
who sat in the stands at Wembley when England lost to Italy in
Rebruary, and on the French
bench on Saturday, said: "England's players have learned a lot
over the last year, especially
tactically. They improve every
gume. In February there was a ame Italian team and were nuch better."

Saturday showed a ornerentide of England's game, the ibility to eke out wins without playing particularly well. They were not poor but they must now be judged by the standards they set, against Italy and by that

the right and his cross, fumbled by Fablen Barthez, was touched in by Shearer.

Sheringham's arrival increased the options, Shearer and Wright had been hitting each other's space and testing the impressive French defence only on the topic of offside. Hoddle, Terry Venables and Graham Taylor have each tried to pair Wright and Shearer and each failed. In six hours and 21 minutes together, against seven different teams, the partnership have managed one goal. The Shearer/Sheringham combination has produced 16 goals in 17 hours and 42 minutes. Wright has a role to play in this squad, but it is not alongside Shearer.

the defensive strength, the ability to recover from a poor start, and the thoroughness of the preparation. Whatever you think of the tactic of attempting to hit Ian Wright and Alan Shearer over the top ("predictable" is one view) it was calculated to test a square French defence unused to playing together. Had Wright finished better after Shearer and David Beckham set him up, it would have worked after 41 minutes.

A further 44 minutes later it did, though only after becoming more sophisticated. Paul Gascoigne showed the way, passing along the ground to Beckham, breaking from midfield after 73 minutes. Then he and Shearer released Teddy Sheringham on

ON SATURDAY IT WAS THEM.

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So Hoddle has learned that. He may also have accepted that Gareth Southgate is still some way from being a Continental-style sweeper. Until one emerges, or Jamie Redknapp is given the chance to convert, the fitness of Tony Adams, who makes up in presence for what he lacks in finesse, will be closely monitored. and that's a good sign in a youngster. He still has a lot to learn and he will get better."

England defend well as a team, though their crude early tackling prompted reservations. France, short of inspiration and finishing, were only ever going to score from a header—and they were not allowed to cross from the byline—or a shot following a knock-down. David Seaman underlined his importance with a save from such a situation.

England did have imagination, with both Beckham and Gascoigne playing good passes, though the former gave the ball away cheaply and the latter dalled. Of Beckham Hoddle said: "He hit the wonder ball but he has to learn at this level it is three gate passes] to one [risky one]." Gascoigne sometimes waited too long and one missed opportunity had Le Saux furning. He did enough, especially in view of recent injuries. A respected Brazilian journalist I spoke to yesterday insisted Gascoigne would get in the Brazilian team. "He is crazy but brilliant," he said.

Surprisingly, given that England have met Brazil four times since he began his England career, Gascoigne has never started a match against the World Cup holders. England have minor concerns over Shearer (ankle), Rob Lee (foot), David Batty (groin), Paul Scholes (hamstring) and Martin Keown (arm) but Gascoigne, for once, is fit. Tomorrow gives us a chance to compare the man, and his team, with the masters of the art.

ly monitored.
On the left side Sol Campbell, after an uncertain start, was excellent, his strength and mobifily make him ideally suited to the marking role with only his concentration a concern. "He was not at the races to start with," said Hoddle, "but we got messages on and he turned things around. He did not crumble

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lan Ridley sees Glenn Hoddle's most gifted youngster show his immaturity

ll then onty a year order at 23, when booked in the World Cup semi-final against Germany in 1990. Who can forgot those pionures of Gazy Lineker turning to a the benel, his face freiting about if Gazza's state of mind?

"I was nice and comfortable in the stand but I had to come down and calm him down," is Hoddle said of Beckham. The swise Gareth Southgate also had a word after the Manchester United middled player returned to the pitch and went straight to Vietra to issue a few angry comments. England have played Brazil it conly 18 times in 43 years. The we chances to acquire that evocasitive green and sellow symbol of the green and sellow symbol of the green and sellow symbol of the Brazillans will come to your stadium more often these days in if the money is right. Miss one. day and it is likely to be two years H least before another comes ward it is likely to be two years H and it is likely to be two years H and it is likely to be two years H Beckham will miss one tomor. Urow night and he is unlucky. David a Beckham will miss one tomor. Urow night on the is unlucky.

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rmany's Matthias Sammer (left) is challenged by Viadislav Vashchuk of Ukraine ing Saturday's goalless World Cup qualifying match in Kiev

# James got Why

Despite an encouraging in-ternational debut, Kevin James, the 6ft 7in Falkirk defender, con-ceded that his first game for Scotland's Under-21 side could reports from Minsk Belarus Under-21 Scotland Under-21

Making his bow in the defeat to the European Under-21 Championship Group Fourbenders Belarus here on Saturbay, James explained why he had no intention of exchanging shirts with the opposition at the final

used since August but the clubs that fouture in his squad list bettray the lack of fation on offer. Lower division outfits such as Clyde, Hamilton, Clydebunk and Carlislo are represented while Rangers, Celtie and Dundee United—the top three in the Premier Division last week—had no players in the squad in Minsk, Scotland reached the last four in Europe at this level only a year ago but alarmingly the latest crop hooks desperately short of quality.

Cruig, who bemouned the number of defensive errors during this campuign, highlighted as successes, goulkeeper Rodely McKeuziv, of Heuris, contral defensive pair James und Callun Dooks, of Hivernian, and Callun Dooks, of Hivernian and Dooks, of Hivern left in this one. That's why when the Beharus opponent wanted to swap shiris I said 'no', it has been a memorable end to the season for me, after helping Falkirk reach the Scottish Cup final.

James had words of empathy for his captain Gary Locke, of Hearts, who gifted Belarus victory when his 70th minute backpass presented the substitute Nikolai Rynduk with a chance he gratefully accepted.

"Gury shouldn't take it hurd on himself because walf muke mistakes and sometimes you get away with it and sometimes you don't — that is faciball and it is a team game," said James. In truth, Scotland would bure. If have deserved a draw and in-fit stead slumped to their fifth Edelan shumped to their fifth Edelan in eight games which I have seen them win only twice of augment stand.

# **Ligh time for** Beckham to grow up

"It was a harsh lesson for all but a valuable one," Hoddle said. "When that strotcher comes, you jump on quickly." Indeed the more experienced Graeme Lo Saux, scorer of England's goal against Brizill in the 3-1 defeat at Wemhley in 1995 and clearly wanting knoiner shot, clambered aboard later in the game despite his injury being facial.

Beckham's reaction to the incident, though lachrymose, incident, though lachrymose, incident, though lachrymose, incident.

Africans for finals first to qualify

Graham Thorpe took his tally of Test centuries to FIVE with his 138 against Australia at Edgbaston

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Round-up

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74th minute.
In Burope, Denmark consultated their position at the top of Group One with a 2-0 defeat of Bosniu yesherduy. Denmark have 13 points from five games and Greece are in second place with 10 points from six games.
A fine save by Peter Schmeichelung in the second place with 10 points from six games.
A fine save by Peter Schmeichelung in the second place with 10 points from second half prevented Bosniu taking the lead. Mare Reper's 61st-minute header put Denmark uhead and Miklos Mohnur seared the second goal from João Pinto and Luis Figo, easily beat Albawia 2-0 w Saturday night. Their victory kept up the pressure on Ukraine and Germany, who drew 0-0 in Kiev.

Ukraine lead the group with

14 points from eight matches.

16 Germany are two points behind

18 with two games in hand. Portugal also have 12 points, but they have played one more match than Germany.

10 Italy, Breweiusecured promotion to Serie-I yesterday with motion to Serie-I yesterday with one match of the season remaining after drawing 1-1 with Reggina in Reggio Calabria. The remaining three promotion places will be decided next weekend, with Empoli, Lecce, Buri and Genea in contention.

Russia's Elena Dementieva was told to change her shirt at the French Open be cause it mentioned her tennis sponsor SIX times - five more than is allowed

WHEN THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPE

# PETER JARDINE reports from Minsk Belarus Scotland McAllister wipes away his Wembley misery

Gary McAllister scored his first international goal for five years as Scotland took another stride along the road to the World Cup linals here yesterday.

McAllister's 49th-minute penalty, which collected three more vital points for Craig Brown's team, helped wipe out the memory of his Wembley spot-kick miss against England during Euro 96 liast June.

"That is the Wembley chapter"

As soon as we got it, all I was thinking about was that the ball would bit the back of the net."

Brown's side have now wou five out of eight qualifying games this season as they seek Group Four security in the race with Austria and Sweden. Belarus, joint bottom of the group, and Latvia have still to come to Scotland and sky more points will surely guarantee at least second surely guarantee at least second place for the Scots.

Darren Jackson won the penalty, but it was a harsh decision against Erik Yakhimovich by the Turkish referee, Ahmed Cakar. Paul Lambert fed the ball forward to Jackson who worked a one-two with Gordon Duric before inviting a rish challenge from the Belarus full-back.

McAllister, making his 53rd appearance, accepted his responsibility as captain and although the Belarus keeper,

ty – against the CIS.

The breakthrough came after Scotland had survived a rocky first 45 minutes in which Yaklimovich crashed a shot off the woodwork from 50 yards. His seventh-minute effort struck the top of the post to the surprise of Jim Leighton. It seemed to have an unnerving effect on his teammates, but Leighton redeemed himself with a fine save from an Andrei Ostrovsky free-kick a couple of minutes later and went on to record his 42nd clean sheet in 81 internationals.

Christian Dailly, making his World Cup debut, impressed as did Jackson, but at times Scotland, who had Durie and David Hopkin booked, appeared to be feeling the rigours of a long scason in the Minsk heat. "The tank

was empty," Brown said.

The Scots also had to cope with the absence of at least 12 players who had already featured in the qualifying campaign. Craig Burley moved into central defence alongside Dally and Tom Boyd, with the Crystal Palace midfielder Hopkin used at right wing-back. The Hibernian striker Jackson was withdrawn into midfield to allow Durie to partner Kovin Gallacher up front.

Belarus' response to McAllister's goal was to introduce three substitutes in quick succession and one of them. Vladimir Makovsky, night have equalised in the 64th minute but he mis-kicked in front of goal with Scotland in disarray. However, two minutes later is bettern

th Scotland in disarray. Howeler, two minutes later Jackson ers, two minutes later Jackson dost made it 20 with a fine rund shot which was tipped over

certain to score.

The 300-strong Tartan Army, who were guarded throughout by a ring of soldiers, were in fine voice in the far from full Dinamo Stadium. The result ensured they would all be hoarse by the time they got home. Scottish heurts fluttered again even minutes from time, but the substitute Scat Gemmill sometow stole the ball off Sergel Deresimets toe when he seemed

Andrei Satsunkevich, got a touch, the ball found its way into the roof of the net. The last time McAllister scored at this level was at the 1992 European Chumpiouship finals in Sweden. That goal was also a ponalty – against the CIS. prepared grass' in Majoli is do-or-die to 'eat effort

John Roberts on modest ambitions of the new French Open champion

After confounding us by overwhelming Martina Hingis, 6-4,
6-2, to win the French Open
women's singles title in her first
Grand Slam final, Iva Majoli's
mind turned to partying before
approaching her next, comparatively modest, objective.
"My dream," the 19-year-old
Croat said, "is to win in the first
round at Wimbledon. I have never won a match at Wimbledon,
not juniors, not doubles, not singles. I said to myself: 'OK, I'm
going to die on the court at Wimbledon just to win that first
round."

Fatigue played a part in Hingis's disappointing for winning solication for the national separation of the remains of the individual separation of the individual separation of the individual separation of the individual separation to stem Majoli, the ninth seed. The 16-year-old Swiss world No 1 had been unable to find either the strength or the inspiration to stem Majoli's deep, angled shots or to undermine her opponent's confidence.

Fatigue played a part in Hingis's disappointing finale after winning 40 consecutive matches this yeur. But the Australian Open champion was able to rationalise this, reminding everythood that she came into the tournament only six weeks after surgery to her left knee and that her goal had been to reach the semi-finals.

Commeting in the cloubles

active mass.

The doubles added to Hingis's workloud, her partnership with Arantxu Sanchez Vicario flourishing until Friday's semi-finals, in which they lost to Gigt Fernandez and Nutasha Zvereva, 10-8 in the third tasha Zvereva, 10-8 in the third

Set.

Hingis's Wimbledon plans remain unchanged. She does not intend to arrive in England until three days before the championships start on 23 June. "I've had enough of tennis for a while right now," she says. "Well, not enough of tennis, but enough mutches. You could see it on the court today, I don't feel like I want to play another tournament next week. I don't want to be tired for Wimbledon." junior singles title at the age of 12. "I think for myself it's better that success didn't come before now," Majoli said, "because I felt I wasn't rendy for anything too hig at the age of 16 or 17. Everyone is different. I think Martina is really handling the pressure great. When I was 16, I was more like 13. Martina at 16 is like a grown up."

On Saturday, Hingls looked her age and Majoli gave the mature performance. She did not allow her concentration to waver or her nerve to falter after Hingis took a bathroom break at 3-2 in the second set (Hingis was cautioned after throwing her racket in the next game), or when the Swiss took a time out for treatment to her aching thighs at 5-2. "Maybe I did think, 'did she really have to to go to the bathroom?'," Majoli said. "On the other hand, there's nothing I could do except try to refax. On the other hand, there's nothing I could do except try to refax. On the other hand, there's nothing I could mean to do, but you do it haveness morehs you feel it's or-

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Iva Majoli tries to hide Martina Hingis in the Frenc

the match."

Majoli was determined that nothing would be allowed to disturb her momentum once she recovered from a set and 0.4 down against Lindsay Davenport in the fourth round. "That was the match I got really lucky." Majoli suid. Thleat and physical fitness took over from there.

"I know I've been injured, but I don't want to take anything away from Ya," Hingis said. "She never gave me the chance to do anything. She played her best tennis in this tournament. She served very well and she had very good length in the groundstrokes.

"I had a great year so far. It's frustrating to lose here in the final, but my carcer doesn't end right now. There will be Wimbledon in two weeks, so I'm going to try to be better for that one. I have two weeks off to relax. I'm going to be ready there."

Hingis's injury was caused by a fall from a thorse. Her agent, Damir Keretic, was asked if a clause forbidding her to ride was likely to be inserted in her contract. He smiled. "Martina would trather writes a clause that forelate."

# aura returns to Epsom

GREG WOOD

JOCKEY

There was a loud cheer when the unnouncer called Benny The Dip's number first, just seconds after he and Silver Patriarch had passed the post locked in desperate opposition, as several thousand punters celebrated his victory. In fact, the PA was simply confirming, us it always does that "the horses involved in the photograph are, in racecard order...", and the backers delight might still have proved premature. But for the managers of Epson racecourse, the misunderstanding was cause for celebration.

Suddenly, it was clear that their attempt to coax first-time racegoers back to what used to be the nation's favourite day at the races had been a resounding success. After a decade of public indifference, the trend of dwindling attendances had not simply been halted, but flung into reverse, with 72,000 paying to watch the Derby, more than a quarter as many again as 12 months previously.

exponential. There were 28 per cent more people, but the mood was improved by 100 per cent.

On Derby day 1996, the bar staff were so under-employed that they spent their time trying to altract your attention. Not so on Saturday, when the only bar without a six-deep queue was the one in the tented village which had run out of beer.

Long before the first race, you could sense a feeling that life was already pretty good and was already pretty good and was already pretty good and was an indication of the mood. There was no annoyance or aggression, simply a protonged griggle.

Somethaw, the unique excitement of Derby day had been recaptured, every bit as suddenly as it had been lost almost a decade ago. No one has ever adequately explained what went wrong, or why it did so almost in the space of 12 months.

When Nashwan set sail for home in 1989, he was overest by of thousands squeezed into the stand and packed tight and deep along the rails all the way to Tattenham Corner and beyond. Yet just a season later, Quest For Fame failed to raise even a whilf of excitement from a sharply depleted crowd, and from that moment on, things only get worse. Now, at last, we have had a Derby day which improved on the one before, and even the horses played their part, with the closest of finishes. True, the infield fell a long way short of the teeming bedlum of former days, but even there, the close up of Benny The Dip's long run for the line revealed a dense mass of faces inside the running rail, and many hundreds of fists punching him home with Willie Ryan.

Leaving Epsom on Saturday evening, you could imagine all those first-timers resolving to return next year, bring their frieuds, and who knows, maybe even hire one of the double-deckers. For Sue Ellen and the Epsom of ficials, it is only a beginning, but now, at least, the momentum in on their side, and that in itself is

past masters differs from A first mate

KEN JONES

So much for racing's feudal tradition, a touch of the jockey's forelock, respectful appendage. "John," interrupted Benny the Dip's trainer. John Gosden, when Willie Ryan called him mister. So much, too, for the cynical theory that nice guys finish last.

Few know the vagaries of racing better than this pair. Three years ago, in the most recent of his previous Derby appearances, Ryan was carried from the track with broken ribs after Foyer came down. Two years ago Gosden, suffered the clientocket.

of name that appeals to cusual punters and he had plenty of support around the boards and at the betting windows. A sense of stealing money.

When they went down to the start on a glorious day, the Derby appearing to bave reclaimed a lot of its old appeal, most eyes were on Entrepreneur and serious investment kept it firm in the market. What then huppened is a mystery for which nobody connected with Enterpreneur, especially the jockey, Michael Kinane, could find an explanation. Even before they reached the top of the hill it was apparent that the talented and greatly experienced Irishman had problems. Indeed, with a mile still to run Enterpreneur already locked

there before and been knocked about in the ring. When you have carned a few sears, sometimes that is the better way in life."

Not that Ryan was greatly impressed by the opportunity. In fact, what he had to say after riding out on Benny the Dip last Thursday doesn't stand repeating on these pages. Along with the widespread conclusion that the 4-6 favourite, Entrepreneur, was about to cater the Darbor. The nervousness felt by some in the Entrepreneur camp was quickly developing into the realisation of a huge loss in projected stud value. Thought to be blessed with the twin advantages of speed and stamina, the fuvourile simply wasn't going anywhere. "He would not have won at a mile, any distance," Kinne said afterwards.

mance of Ryun's elevation after the reshuffling caused when Gosden's regular jockey, Frankic Dettori was claimed for Bold De-

Meanwhile, Ryan could see a chance the like of which he had never seen before. Hitting the straight there was only a vast sen of faces before him. Taking Benny the Dip's suspect stamina into account, Gosden had advised going from the front. "We decided to take a shot at it," he said. Not that it was all over bar the shouting. Coming from last, my personal clucice, Silver Patriurch, mounted a thrilling chultenge and only inches separated them at the links. But how could you begrudge the popular winning combination. Willie and John. It sounds so much better than Ryan and Mr Gosden.

Gosden filly fourth

Ryan's fortunes.
But who can truly tell in racing? Benny The Dip is the sort

finished last of five behind the fast-finishing Steward,
Rather like Benny The Dip at Epsonn, Touch Gold railied to

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Renata's Prince (Nottingham 5.00) NB: Solfegietto (Nottingham 4.00)

John Gosden's triumphant weekend could not extend to Chanlilly yesterday where his Ryalian made the running in the Prix de Diane but Inded into fourth behind Vereva. Peter Chapple-Hyam's Dances with Dreons finished last of the 12 runners. It was the second win in the Classic for the owner-trainer-jockey combination of the Aga Khun. Aluin de Royer Dupre and Gerald Mussé following Shemaka's 1993 virtory. "Vereva is a fust-improving filly," de Royer Dupre said, "though I wouldn't be sure that she'd stuy one and a half miles. The Eclipse is a possible target." In the Cramd Prix de Chantilly Channie-Hyam's Ruyal Court lund the Belmont Stakes at Belmont Park on Saturday to deny Silver Charm the American Triple Crown. The Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes winner had looked set for a historic win when getting the better of a duel with Free House with a hundred yards to go.

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reports from Roland Garros

night ago.

But it was certainly not a case of Who's Who and Who Cures. The 20-year-old Kuerten, whose brilliance frustrated the No 16 seed Sergi Bruguera, 6-3, 5-4, 6-2, in an hour and 50 minutes, captured the imagination as well us the majority of the

Rarely has a fresh new personally risen to so spectucularly in a sport which crives famracers. Tall, lithe and downight seruffy in terms of sartonial tennis tradition, Kuerten overcame the past three champions. Yevgeny Kafelnikov, Thomas Muster and Bruguera, en route to the £400,000 winner's cheque and overnight fame. A small group of supporters A small group of supporters grounds here which will be copied throughout Brazil in honeur of the first man from the nation to win a Grand Slum single.

was fluttering over Stunley Flours, the home of Saturday's winning trainer, John Gosden. "They can't say they were unlucky in the way the race was run," he said. "I thought Pat rode a good race because he broke well and hind him handy. But then he didn't have the pace and Pat had to niggle him. Benny descred to win because he quickened and took six lengths out of them.

"I think it will be easier for him on a flutter track. People say you can flutter man the Derby is the run from the gate to the top of the hill, and that means you've got to stay. "Ours wasn't ridden defensively and the race showed he gets the trip. He was ridden like a dour stayer and the idea now is the Irish Derby. If he hadn't got the trip the plan had been the Grand Prix de Paris, which is a shame in one sense because that's a bloody nice place to have furth."

cling to the devalued belief that Entrepreneur, the beaten oddston fluwerrite, will return to prove himself Pegasus reineurnate.

"I think mine was an unfacky lesser," John Dunlop, Silver Patriarch's trainer, said. "He couten't hold his position and was plum last at the bottom of the hill, but he picked up and I thought I'd got him in the last 100 yards."

Pat Eddery has collected the Derby three times, but he getsas much publicity about the ones he has lost. El Gran Senor in 1984 is the paradigm, but Saturday too will be depicted by some as another that got away. Silver Patriarch proved as slippery to guide us Dushyantor had last year, and old Pat must muse that he would get an easier ride at the Calgary Stampede than in the Derby these days. "He is a hig galloping horse who needs the track to suit," Eddery said. "I'n looking forward to Ireland hecause we'll get those canditions."

There were, however, no reports yesterday that a white flag

The imoney-splushed world of top authotics has pravided us with two billious head-to-heads this pust week, but for those who seek a direct competition of valour and worth the stage of the Irish Derby in three weeks' time beckous tantalisingly. After morning medical examinations and consultations between connections yesterday, it was announced that both Benny The Dip and Silver Patriards, it was fannounced that compelling duel for Saturday's 218th Derby on the foreign soil of the Curragh. Start packing. There will be a lot of carbon gasses expended before 29 June on the subject of whether the best horse won on the Surrey Downs at the weekend. The prevailing thought scerns to be that Willie Ryan on Benny The Dip pinciped

RICHARD EDMONDSON

ner than his yellow and blue (slocs and all) outfits which caused the President of the French Tennis Federation, Christian Bimes, to comment: "We don't want these guys dressing like soccer players".

For yesterday's presentation, Bimes was accompanied by Borg and the great Argentinian Guillermo Vilus, who handed the

of its old atmos

razil's Gustavo Kuerten hits out on his way to Grand Slam viotory over Sergi Bruguera yester

When Maria Bueno won the first of her three Wimbledon titles in 1959, a stamp was issued in her honour. The aircraft taking her back to Sao Paulo was diverted because of a storm, but when she finally arrived after midnight, all the lights in the force of the switched on the force of the lights in the lights in the force of the lights in the

Kuerten enjoyed every mo-ent and thoroughly deserved a ucelain. A first-round loser tyear, his reputation grew and w from the moment he re-vered from 0-3 in the fifth set defeut Muster in the third

The Spaniard has proved himself capable of rallying all day with anyone unwise enough to take him on at his own beavy tupspin game, and Kuerten endeavoured to shorten the points with the accuracy of his serve and by whinhing groundstrokes delivered at precise angles to the corners or down the lines.

He broke Bruguera twice in the opening set, which flushed by in 28 minutes, and had conceded a total of only four points on his own serve in stretching his lead to a set and 3-1.

It was then that Bruguera's retainless pounding began to make an impression. Although Kuerten saved the first break woint against his name with a massh, his touch failed him for more on a drop shot, and he was soree in 3-2.

Kuerten had to do most of the befending early in the third set, ending off four break points being a Bruguern began to look shaky again after double-faulting on a game point in the sixth game. The Brazilian took admitage, breaking for 4-2 and against on his first match point, uring the Spaniard into netting

Kuerten made special mention of his conch. Larri Passis,
whom he regards as a second father. When Kuerten was 10
s years old, his father. Aldo, died
of a heart attack while umpiring
a junior match.
"I will enjoy this night with my
family and my couch. I really
worked hand with my couch on
the mental side of my game. He
told me I would win against every
player, and I really started to put
this in my mind." The champion
said.
"I think I was increased to put

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set a World Cup record when they scored SEVENTEEN goals without the Maldives in a qualifying game last week.

Colla Montgomerie equalled the course record at Slatey Hall yesterday to win the European Grand Prix by five strokes.

Montgomerie's 30 strokes on the fanal nine holes included four birdies over the closing five boles as he struck a seven-underpar final round of 65 to finish 18-under-par for the tournament with a total of 270.

It was Montgomerie's 13th victory in 10 years on the European Tour. His total was two strokes better than the score he had predicted would be required to win. Retief Goosen, the defending champion, was five strokes back in second place.

Montgomerie secured his first victory of the year with some superb finishing, holing putts of 25tt, 35tt, 25tt and 12tt at the fast. His timely form, with only two

him in a buoyant mood for the US Open. "I've been 26 under par for my last five rounds and made only two bogeys." he said. "In the US Open it's not so much a case of the hirdies you make but the bogeys you don't make. I can't wait for this coming Thursday morning the way things are going."

Goosen trailed Montgomerie by a stroke early in the round but his challenge was blown away by Montgomerie's finish and he had to settle for second place after hitting a 69. Lee Westwood, like Goosen just one stroke behind Montgomerie at the start of the round, was third after hitting a 70 for a total of 276 and moved into seventh place in the Ryder Cup rankings.

her first European tour appearance of the season, shot a closing round of 69 for a nine under
par aggregate of 207. She finished three stokes clear of Sweden's Maria Hjorth and took her
25th European title. The Australian, Karen Lunn, and MarieLaure de Lorenzi from France
shared third place a further
three strokes back.



# In the swing: Colin Montgomerie continued before Troon adventure Watson puts business h: Allsport

reports from Royal St George's ANDY FARRELL THE SPIRIT OF CONQUEST

There is a reason why the Antateur Championship is named as it is, and not as the Proto-pros Open. Once in a while a career

supposed fame and fortune in the professional game.

Some time today. Cruig Watson will turn up at the shop connected to the family lighting business in Falkirk where he works. "I get all the time off I need to play golf," he said. He will certainly he out of the shop for three weeks: the Open Championship at Royal Truon next month; the Walker Cup match at Quaker Ridge, New York in August; and next year's US Masters at Augusta National.

The Amateur champion is annually invited to the first major of the year, and usually turns professional on the Friday

Faldo makes

his move

Nick Faldo scored 68 to finish four shots off the lead after the third round of the Kenper Open in Potomac, Maryland. Mark Wiebe, looking for his first PGA Tour win since 1986, made five birdles in eight holes to establish a three-stroke lead over Mike The putter is working better, so that's a nicc feeling."

Norman's round was affected by a public address announcer at the first hole, who made a reference to the accident in Marchin which President Clinton in which President Clinton in jured his knee at Norman's home, saying, "if you're ever invited to his home to see his trophies, I would suggest you politely decline."

Norman upbraided the announcer, bogeyed three of the first four holes and all but fell out of contention.

Springer.
Faldo was the only big name in the field to make a move on a day when Greg Norman (73), Tom Lehman (73) and Nick Price (72) all went backwards. "I'm new to this course," Faldo said. I'm having to grind fiard.

Augusta trip means a few selfdeprecating anecdotes to tell the
customers the following week.

The last Amateur winner of
his lik was Gary Wolstenholme,
who went on to achieve fame, if
not fortune, as the man who beat
Tiger Woods during the 1995
Walker Cup match when Great
Britain & Ireland regained the
trophy. Watson was in the original squad for this year's match,
but was not selected to go to
Yalderrama for a training session. "I was disuppointed," he
suid, "but I have not really been
thinking about it."

As for Thom, he has an unhappy memory to extinguish.
"The last time I played there I
shot 83, and that was on a calm
day. I was eight over after seven,
with the holes into the wind still
to come, and I fell out with my
lather who was caddleing for me." night of Masters week. As Gordon Sherry found out lust year, and Warren Bladon this, that leaves them in a golfing noman's land. Watson, 31, will have no such worries. Instead, his Watson had played all the courses on the Open rota except for Royal St George's, but for which he may not have made the trip to Sandwich. Now, he has played it eight times, the last two in the 36-hole final on Saturday in which he beat the 17-year-old South African Trevor Immelman 3 and 2. Having lost four holes out of six to go to lunch at two down, Watson won three of the first four holes upon the resumption to regain the initiative.

In a contest of styles, Immelman would come out ahead, his game honed for the tour which will eventually become his home. Watson, however, despite not recording a birdie during the day, used all his experience to cope with a challenging course which underwent subtle changes in the varying conditions.

Already the South African national champion, Immelman's expectations are never less than of victory. Backed by a fuller who works for the tycoon Johan Rupert, and a brother, his caddie last week, who turned pro, did not make the grade and now works for IMG, he will go far.

What he may have to do before then is speed up his pace of play. Although the final was played within the allotted time, immelman took one minute and 45 seconds over one putt. Others during the week were equally over zealous in their meticulous approach and, without the talent of the South African, were unwatchable.

unwatchable.
But Peter Greenhough, chairman of the championship committee, reported: "Overall, the pace of play has been better than three or four years ago. They seem to be getting the message that we want them to get a move on."

Mona end hopes for Bowl **irchs** 

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s led 10-0 in the 1 Jesus Angoy's oal followed by vo-yard pass to British misery in the World Club
Championship continued Down
Under, with Hulifux and Salford
both on the wrong end of record

record.

"Our lads were overawed," the Halifax manager, David Hobbs, said. "We gave Canberra too much respect."

Salford hardly did much better at Adelaide, losing 50-8 to give the home side the first halfcentury of their short history. Salford were only 16-8 in arrears with half an hour to play, with their best player, Gary Broadbent, scoring their only try. But they fell apart in the closing stages to allow Adelaide to play

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exhibition rugby.
"I'm sorry the fans didn't see
the real Salford," said their
""""h, Andy Gregory. "My lads

three years, leading them to World Bowl appearances in 1995 and 1996.

In Düsseldorf, Derrick Clark rushed for two touchdowns Salurday as Rhein Fire beat Amsterdam Admirals 24-0. Clark, a former Derver Broncos player,

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reports from Murrayfield

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yesterday. In from
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The Scots were
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down late in the f
the Monarchs an

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Halfux were hammered 70-6
by Canberra Raiders – the club's
biggest-ever score. The New
South Wales full-back, Ken Nagas, scored six tries – another
record.

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Rugby League
DAVE HADFIELD

had trouble with the speed of their play. The British game is not as committed or intense as its Australian equivalent."

The hopes for my face-saving in the first round of fatures now lie with Wigan and Bradford, who both play their opening games today.

Wigan will not risk Terry
Wigan will not risk Terry
O'Connor's ankle at Canterbury, but still have an invaluable
nucleus of players who know
what top-cluss international
competition is all about. The European Super League-leading
Bulls hope, not for the first
time since his foot injury at
Wenthley, to have Robbie Paul
back in action against Penrith
tonight.

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The St Holens captain, Bobbic Goulding, will decide this week whether to bring forward an operation for a hernia. Goulding was planning to put off the surgery until after the tournament, but was clearly hampered by the injury when Saints were beaten by Auckland on Friday night.

"I got hit in the first tackle and was struggling after that," has reacted angrily to the news that they will not compete separately in next year's World Cup in Australiasia, but will instead be reunited with England to play as Great Britain.

"This is the final nail in the coffin of the Welsh teum and an insult to all the players who have played over the years." Nicholas said. "It smacks of the International Board trying to manufacture a competition for television

Goulding said. "I had hoped to get through the competition, but I will sit down with the club this week and decide whether it needs to be operated on now."

The League will decide this week whether Auckland's Anthony Swann will face discipilnary action over the incident that saw St Helens' Andy Haigh taken off with a cut hend on Friday night. Swann appeared to bring his knee into contact with Haigh, who was later examined in hospital, and was placed on report by the referce, Stuart Cumminos. Castleford and Paris St-Germain briefly harboured hopes of claiming the honour of becoming Europe's first winners in the World Club champlouship yesterday, but Cas's lighthack at home to Perth Reds was thwarted by a late try that gave the Australians a 24-16 win, and Puris,

mings.
The manager of the Welsh international side, Mike Nicholas, ternational side, Mike Nicholas, the news

in front at one singe, went down 28-12 to at home to Hunter Mariners.

Cas hid their improved form early on. After only five minutes, the Perth second row foward Peter Shiels went over, then the second row John Grieve datted over and Scott Wilson trotted in to make it 18-0, as Chris Ryan converted three out of three.

Castleford rediscovered their best form just before half-time, when a burst by Brendon Tuuta led to Jason Critchley pulling four points back. A charge from the second row, Ian Tonks, who also converted, brought six more points, and a shock looked possible as David Chapman went over. Danuy Orr's boot brought

denied taste of glory Castleford and Paris

Ryan converted.

Paris led the Aussics after 24 minutes: their outstanding player, the full-back Dion Bird, following up an up-and-under from Jason Martin, grabbed the falling ball and touched down for the 1ry. Mait O'Coumor goaled for a 6-4 lead.

Yet it was to be short-lived, and once the ex-Wigan and New Zealand centre, Kevin Iro, broke clear it was a formality for Robbie Ross to score the second Hunter try four minutes later.

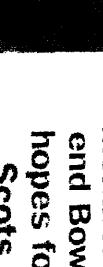
The Mariners added a touchdown from centre Bradley Godden, another from the second row man Anthony Brann and a fith from Scott Hill put the match beyond PSG's reach.

However, the biggest cheer of the afternoon came when the French winger, Fabien de Vecchi, went over for a 66th-minute

the score to 16-18, but Perth's full-back, Grog Fleming, set up Matthew Rodwell for the decisive try in the 72nd minute.

Alan Shearer has scored SIXVEEN goals in 34 appearances for England





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Brisbaile Had NINE internationals in their side for the opening game of strugby tengue's World Olin Championship against London Broncos

'alien' rockets to French win

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would have carned him maximum points in the Olympics.

There had been a touch of anxiety about Kent followers after they had been put in to bat, and it was understandable as

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Warwickshire 145 Kent win by 32 runs

The Zimbabwean played an array of bold strokes, driving and clipping his way to a Sunday best 40 in just 34 halls. He had clobbered a straight six off the hapless Welch and picked off four other boundaries before he became one of Dougle Brown's four viries. their side was without Graham Cowdrey (torn hamstring) and Mark Ealham (England duty). So it was good to know that there was someone they could count

uce down at long leg was a sign at Ward, who is doing fine in to first-luss game, is still a qualy performer in the limited At one wickel down a reassuring sound began echoing around this most county of all out-grounds as Trevor Ward chose the occasion to rediscover his sure touch. It did take him a little while but eventually the runs came. His pull for six dangerously near the mayoral margerously near the marger of the ma

overs variety.

It was Ward's dismantling of
the Warwickshire attack which
stitched together something of
substance for his own bowlers to
have a dart at. There were plenty of thoughtful, field-sphitting
placements as Ward accumulal-Kent's heady season continues.

Second in the championship, a
Benson and Hedges Cup semifinal tie against Northamptonshire tomorrow and yesterday's
comprehensive victory over Warwickshire, which leaves them
loftlity placed in the Sunday
League.

They owed their success as
much to some fine howling as to
a solid contribution from the
batsmen. Indeed, there was one
spell when Martin McCague as
venomous as ever with his pace,
Strang deceptively gentle but full
of guile with his leg-spinners—
had between them sont five
Warwickshire batsmen back into
the pavilion in successive overs.
And that was that really.

Only acting Warwickshire's
cuptuin, Nick Knight, had provided any resistance, but
McCague did for him, finding un
edge and wicketkeeper Steve
Marsh took a stunning leftlianded catch with a dive that

He arrived at his first one-day lifty of the scuson in some style, tooking Graeme Welch for his hird four. But even when he fell

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Darren Maddy scored 82 d the opener, Neil Johnson, an

and the opener, Neil Johnson, an unbeaten 79 as Leicestershire cruised to six-wicket win over Middlesex at Lord's. It took them only 35.2 overs to score 198 for victory after the home side had scored 196 for 4 off 37 overs around interruptions for rain.



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# **1** Newport back in swi

Anyone glancing at the averages giving into the fatest round of championship matches would have seen a familiar name back on top of the bowling section after a year of injury torment. Former England paceman Phil Newport missed two thirds of last season with an achilles problem which flared up on Wurcestershire's pre-season trip last season with an achilles oblem which flared up on receiershire's pre-season trip

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ready going through a rebuild-ing process after the glory years of lan Botham and Graham Dilley. now 34-year-old New-

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port is back with no apparent ill effects and he has moved past the 800 first-class wickets mark and, with three years left of his contract, could conceivably reach the magical 1,000 figure. A seven for 37 haul against county champions Leicester-shire showed Newport has lost none of the skill which makes him arguably the best swing bowler in England given the right conditions.

Newport, who made his Test debut against Australia at Head-ingley in 1989, said: "Last sea-son was so frustrating, and it's nice to be back playing. When you've had a time away you

tend to enjoy it a bit more. Thankfully there has been no reaction to the injury. There have been a few niggles but nothing that has stopped me from playing, and I've been quite pleased with the way the bowling has gone generally.

"As a swing howler you need to regain that rhythm and swing—and if you get that going you are going to get wickets on any surface. As long as there is a decent earry through to the wicket clances. You might lose a little bit of zip as you get older but you can make up for that with experience.

28-year-old Gotti, wearing the race leader's pink jersey he captured in the 14th stage. He finished in the same time as Cipelling to beut Tonkov and another comparitot. Giuseppe Guerini, in the final standings.

Gotti built up an overall lend in his favourite climbing stages and held off Tankov in two individual time trials. The Italian snatched the pink jersey from e Tonkov in the Alpine stage which sended in Cervinia and extended whis lead in another climbing stage.

This year's Giro, avoided by the some Europeans, who preferred m The unfancied Ivan Gotti became the first Itulian in six years to win the Giro d'Italia yesterday, besting the defending champion, Pavel Tonkov of Russia, by Imin 27sec. Cycling

Gotti breaks Italy's Giro drought

27sec.
Mario Cipullini, Gotti's Saccu
team-mate, took the finalstuge in
Milan, beating Sweden's Glenn
Magnusson in a crowded sprint.
The traditionally ceremonial finul leg, 102 miles from the spa resort of Bourto Terme to Milan,
was a triumphant paracte for the

Photograph: AFF Construction of the first of th Sritain's former Olympic hampion Sally Gunnell, now sack in action after her injury it the Atlanta Olympic Games, locked 55.30sec to finish second in the women's 400 metres

ardles at the International mateur Athletic Federation's nasmesky Grand Prix in Mos-

The dominance of Michael Dayhan in the Sittee class continues. The Australian rade his Hunda to a fifth win in six aces this season at the Fench Grand Prix in Le Castellet yesterlay.

"He's an alien." said the Spaniard Carlos Cheea, who finished ahead of Tadayuki Okadu of Japan. Douhan, the world champion and championship leader, finished in 42min 38,064sec, clocking a fastest lap of 1:21.674 (98mph). The top six finishers all rode Hondas.

In Hockenheim, Carl Fogury stretched his overall lead in the World Superbike Championship after taking the second race of round four. The former world champion beat Kawasaki's Akirra Yanagawa into second place, and Yanagawa into second place, and Yanagawa into second place, and Yanagawa into second place,

Out of this world: Michael Doohan on his way to victory in the French Grand Prix yesterday

round tour. The former world champion beat Kawasaki's Akira Yanagawa into second place, with Suzuki taking their first restrum position of the season courtesy of Jamie Whithum.

# gift to Australia Annan's golden

Hockey

BILL COLWILL reports from Berlin

medal with a 5-2 win over the Olympic silver medallists, Korea. Giveat Britain secored their second successive victory over the United States, the World Cup bronze medallists, with a 3-f win to finish fifth, having beaten the Americans 2-1 in their Austrulta took their fourth sue-cessive gold medal in the Wunen's Champions' Traply in the Olympic lackey statium here yesterday in a thrilling fi-nal before a large erowd in tem-peratures neuring the Rts.

The world champions heat Germany 2-1 with a golden goal from player of the tournament.

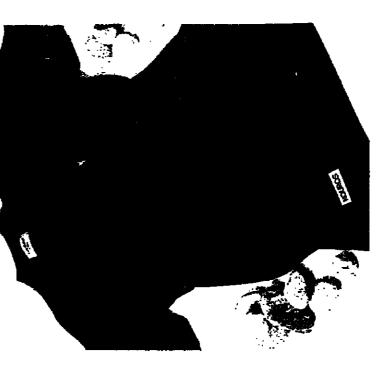
Alson Annen, seven minutes lgor Kovue of Slovakia took the 110m burdles in a photo-finish with Britain's Tony Jarcett. Both were clocked at 13:45. In another tight finish, Kenya's Duvid Kiptoo won the men's 800m in 1min 44.57sec, just 0.05sec ahead of Hendrik Moganyetsi of South Africa. Vincent Malakwen of Kenya was third in 1:44.75.

Zelezay of the Czech Republic, wan the javelin with one of the season's best throws of 86.92m; the double Olympic champion Svetlana Masterkova of Russla won the women's 800m in 1:50.29; and Russia's Irina Biryukova (rook the women's 1500m.

last paot game.
Yesterday, Karen Brown, who in the first game against the US had set an international record with 258 caps, set Britain on their way from the penalty spot. but it was not until late in the game that 17-year-old Lucilia Wright, with her first international goal, and Purdy Miller scored too. Alyson Amon, seven minutes into extra time, having fallen behind when the English untpire Gill Clarke (in change of her 100th international) played an advantage to allow Britta Becker to sevee.

Within five minutes Australia were on terms as Katrina Powell punished hesitancy in defence.

Australia had the majority of the game and well deserved the title: The women's 400m was a competition between two Nigerians and six Russians—who linished in that order. Bisa Afoladi of Nigeria won in 50.55see, followed by her compatriot Falilat Ogunkoya in 50.79. The fastest Russian was Olga Kotlyarova at 51.40.



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to prepare for the Roar deFrance, was marred by several accidents, which knecked out such pre-race faworites as Luc Leblane and Marco Pantani. Of 180 startes, only 110 made it to Milan.

Chris Bwardman wan the prologue of the Dauphine Liberé for the fourth year in a row in the streets of Grendole yesterday. The world one hour record holder cawered the S. Jkm flat cames in 5min Stace. Alex Zuelle of Swilzerland was second, three seconds belind,

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oding menace to the scene or tile and go for the kill at the st glimpse of red. Perhaps a Lions should have changed aving been spoon-fed some tively easy meat in their ning quartet of matches, the ists were right to be wary of r first confrontation with a roughbred beast of Super ng performance, the Lions' ards utterly failed to impose will and, as a result, Martin

oftus Versfeld with their

Intact? Apparently so, Irre-extive of the fact that Satur-y 35-3)) defeat was the Lions it reverse against a South rican province in very nearly years and despite the dis-mfort of losing to a Northern answaal denuded of a third of pir Super 12 line-up, Fran atton, the tour manager, in-ted that the damage to morale is not so much insignificant as initesimal. ertheless, 80 minutes of

error-strewn rugby cost the Lions the psychological edge so painstakingly honed over the past three weeks. If they did not possess one before, the Spring-bok tacticians now have a precise bluoprint for victory in the Rest series: scrum, scrum and series.

able to use a totally secure scrum platform as a prime attacking base, and twice the Lions conceded short-side tries as a direct result of their mability to kneck the Bulls out of their ultra-comfortable armehair.

end at the set-piece. Given the strength of Lions' tight units over the last quarter of a century – Cotton himself squeezed the very pips from both Springbok and All Bluck packs in his day – it would be a travesty if this squad found their efforts and ambitions compromised by a powder-puff scrummage. Unless the heavy brigade get themselves sorted without further delay, however, Os du Randt and company will enjoy

scrum again.

As Adriam Richter, the Blue Bulls captain and a South African international of considerable resource fulness, pointed out on Saturday night, the tourists' problems start and

a duck-shoot in Cape Town in 12 days' time.
On Saturday, Richter was able to use a totally secure

ultra-comfortable armchair.

Danie van Schulkwyk and Richter himself were the beneficiaries as the visitors repeatedly allowed themselves to be wheeled out of position. As Lawrence Dallaglio, the shrewd back-row organiser from Wasps, admitted after the match, it might well have been a whole lot worse had Joost van der Westhuizen, the lightning-fast Spring-hok serum-hulf, been available to the home side.

Lack of clout in the hump and grind also made life difficult for Sent Quinnell. The best ball-currying No 8 in the party was virtually anonymous against the Bulls, largely because he spent so much of the match on the

BRITISH LIONS V SOUTH AFRICA

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Stimpson kept chipping away. Steyn was equally tuned in on the rudar front. One last electric connection between Guscott and Tiwnsend gave the latter a

came into being, the treated (but kept his

nection between Guscott and Townsend gave the latter a superb seven-pointer five min-utes from time, but with the Akrikaner forwards still in the

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back foot rather than the front, and with Eric Miller patently unhappy on the open-side flank – he booked about as much at home as a fish in a tree – the Lions' entire forward effort was frayed and ragged.

Reluter, Nicky van der Walt and Schutte Bekker ran the whole shaw so effectively, particularly during the first half, that the Lions might connervably have found themselves 30 points to the bad. Andre Walson, the Eastern Transvaal referee, denied Wymand Lourens a perfectly good try early on and also gave the visitors the rub of the green with two forward pass calls that were marginal at best.

As it was, Casper Steyn and van Schalkwyk crossed for first-half tries, Richter added his within a minute of the restart and with Steyn in confident kicking form Northern were over the hills and far away at 25-7 before the Lions started to retaliate in earnest. Had it not been for the unpredictability at outside-half, the margin of defeat would almost certainty have bordered on the grotesque.

How the Lious must be thanking their maker for Guscott's presence. If the Bath centre's chip-over try in the 24th minute was a joy to behold, the angle he ran off the mercurial Tawnsend's bewildering midfield break five minutes into the second half was pure nectar. Those two flashes of unalloyed genius were enough to keep the Lions at the races, and with Tim Stimpson's kicking in rather better shape than the rest of his game, the gap was down to five points with a full quarter still on the clock.

Infuriatingly from Tawnsend's point of view, unpredictability has its downside as well as its benefits; van Schalkwyk's interception of the Scotsman's derring-do pass to Alan Tait on his own 22 gave the Bulls a fourth try—one too many for the Lions to cope with— and even though

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Mark Taylor ended 25 months without a Test century by scoring his FIFTEENTH for Australia in the first Test against England

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n and 11, each time losing his wicket to Terry Alderman. "I was the 29th player England had used that summer and when I turned up at The Oval the day before, Ted Dexter dight know who I was," he says.

"It was Michael Atherton's second Test and I walked out with him on the Saturday morning. I have the footage of that with the commentator saying that the future of English batting was resting on these two pairs of young shoulders. He got it half right."

The oldest survivablement is 87-year-old Holders are: Mark Benson, Joey senjamin, Dennis Brookes, Simon Brown, Alan Butcher, Alac Coxon, Andy Lloyd, Norman Mitchell-Innes, Charles Palmer.

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The stand between Nasser Hussein and Graham Thorpe at Edgbaston (right) — the first England Ashes partnership record to fall since the war – surpassed one of four set in the 1938 series, of which the principle was, the anywhich trecord partnership of 382 set by Len Hutton and Maurice Leyland for the d & D Jardine M Leyland .. .130 **¥**3 2 ř

Surrey do not always live up to their potential. And how much will Edgbaston have taken out of Surrey's England stars?

If Martin McCague end Dean Headley are fit, Kent ought to beat Northamptonshire, but then the same was said about Yorkshire in the quarter-finals. Kent have their eye on other silverware this year, confident they are equipped to land their first title for 19 years. After defeating Warwickshire to go second in the table, they can put pressure on leaders Gloucestershire, who face Worcester-

discovered the rich treasure trove of cricket

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# As the ground at which the late John Arlott witnessed his first cricket match, May's Bounty has a unique place in the history of the game. It was 1938 and the 24-year-old Arlott was an officer in the Southampton Borough Police, in which he was to the force for 14 years before in the southampton before the southampton Borough Police, in which he was to the southampton for 14 years before in the southampton to be southampto May's Bounty, where cricket has been played since 1855, was created by John May, then president of North Hants Cricket Club, who bought the land in 1880 to prevent building taking place. The club acquired it in 1950 for just £450. The present pavilion dates back to 1901, when it replaced a single-storey thatched building originating in 1877. Additions were made in the 1960s and May's Bounty, Basingstoke ire cricket has been 1970s, when two squash courts, a club was created by John room and kitchen were added. In 1986, a further squash court, a

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Essex's Ronnie Irar

England bowlers standing at the end of the game, which is three in or Nottinghamshire.

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Nottinghamshire. well beaten by Kent the previous week, bounced buck with a victory at Northampton, thanks largely to a second innings century by Matthew Dowman. His previous cluim to fame was a youth "Test" record score of 267 for England Under-19 in 1993. What is it about Championship cricket that inspires the meek and humbles the mighty? Glowestershire and Nottinglamshire won again on Saturday and are now first and third in the table, while Lancashire and Surey, on paper the two most powerful teams in the laud, are 15th and 16th.

Continuity of selection must be a problem at Old Tafford and

You have to go back to the 70s to find Gloucestershire's last Championship success – 1877, to be exact. But they returned to the top of the table after completing victory by 164 runs over Yorkshire at Heudingley, Mike Smith 18king 10 wickets in the match.

After a bumpy ride through the winter, when they lost two key players. Courtney Walsh and Andrew Symonds, and a new captain seemed hard to find, this is hardly the sort of start they Continuity of selection must be a problem at Old Trafford and The Oval, with so many players involved with England, but you would have thought they would be used to that by now; and the players that are left are not exactly duffers.

Of the two, Lancashire's procrashowing is slightly less surprising they finished 15th last season and have not won the Championship for 63 years. Even so, defeat by Somerset inside two days—one of them considerably shortened by rain—was quite a shock.

There should be some sympathy for Surrey over their latest defeat, by Essex at the Oval: they had kear players on England duty and another three were injured just before or during the

overscas replacement. "You're always leaking for match winners in overseas players but he's done his job as an all-rounder and strenthened the team on both sides without really starring."

"Il has heen very encouraging.

If you read all the pre-season neparts we weren't going to bowl a side out, we couldn't do this, we couldn't do this, we couldn't do this, we couldn't do this, as aid, right, we're going to bowl line and length and keep plouline and length winner in Mike wings, is one of the most dangerous bawlers in the country." Si Last scass if was the balling the smuch us anything that let them ly down: only Durham managed fewer batting points. "We just endidn't get the runs at the right prese," Stoyold said, "This country".

form at Headingley.

"As fur as I'm concerned, Robert Cunlific started inst year as an England A prospect, but he had domestic problems with his mother taken seriously ill, which unfortunately blew him apart. But now he's come out and followed it on again this year."

Strood defines his own role and fortunately and the second contact of the second co done well and Tony Wright looks as though he's coming to a bit of form at Headingley.

possibility, but I don't think rul's a bad thing. You can molected the people two much."
Whether Gloucestershire can mulate I amongale ond team and the youngsters, he said. "You discipline them and you get them playing the way you want them to play for the county. It does mean that the first team have to take more re-

England flew home from Argen-tinu with Ben Clurke, their pack lender, insisting that Saturday's heavy defeat in the second Test should not overshadow their

reports from Buenos Aires Argentina England

ANDREW BALDOCK

Mutthew Hayden's purple putch continued at Chesterfield with another unbeaten century and an opening stand of 213 with Jason Lancy, who made 93. Their efforts in Hampshire's win overshadowed Kim Barnett's 50th first-class century for Derbyshire, last season's runners-up and currently this scasou's runners-down.

six-match tour.

"This has been a successful trip, and saveral new players have come together and blended extremely well," Clarke said. "People knuckled down and took the tour very seriously. It was a highly professional effort, which saw a lot of quality work."

The players made their England debuts during the tour, giving the England coach, Jack Rowell, a solid base from which to build his 1999 World Cup squad. Rowell, however, is still waiting to hear whether his services are required after the Test match in Australia next month.

"I honestly don't know - you will have to ask the powers that he," said Rowell, whose contract expires on 31 August. It is likely that he will he offered a 2½-yeur deut, culminating with the World Cun exampaien.

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Lions accept Gibbs

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Rugby Union CHRIS HEWETT

If was the sort of punch that occurs a dozen times in any game of rughy league, but Scott Gibbs is not playing league any more. Yesterday, the Welsh centre became the first Lion ever to be suspended after being found guilty of thumping Grant Esterhuizen, the Northern Transvaal back, during Saturday's conkest at Pretoria's Loftus Versfeld Stadium.

Gibbs, banned for one game, will miss Wednesday night's match with Gauteng in Johannesburg and may now struggle to make the side for the first Test with the Springboks in Cape in Town a week on Saturday. A hot fawurite for a Test place at the start of the tour, Gibbs has played only 60 minutes of ruging in just over a formight and is beginning to run out of opportunities to make the required increasion.

The incident happened at a ruck in the final quarter of the Livns 35-30 defeat at the hands

England miss big

duct, but politely suggested he might curb his league instincts now that he has returned to union.

The quiet Swansen midfielder's unenviable contribution to Lims history may seem bitterly ironic given the violent excesses of past South African tours, not to mention the past battles in both New Zeuland and Australia.

David Dobson, an Oxford University forward, was sent off for bad-mouthing a referee during the 1904 trip to Australia and John O'Shea, the Cardiff prop, was dismissed for punching in a 1908 match against Eastern Thanswant in Springs, but no officient action was taken in either case. Cuse.
Cutton will now be interested in the outcome of tonight's meeting of the Mpumulanga union, which must decide what sametions to take against Marius Busman and Elandre van der Bergh, the two beks responsible for naked assualts on Doddie Weirand Rob Wainright during last week's ugly encounter in Witbane. The Lions' manageof the Blue Bulls – their first reverse after four victories on the bounce. Esterbuizen spilled the beaust to the Northern Transwall management, who immediately decided to ette Gilbs under the terms of the tour agreement. A citing committee quickly determined that the Welshman had a case to answer and, as a result, yesterday's disciplinary panel was convened under the chairmanship of Hekkie Daniels, a Pretoria-based High Court index. judge.
Gibbs was instructed not to comment on the matter and Fran Cotton, the Lions' manager, was hardly more forthcoming. "We've had a fair heuring and there will be no appeal." he said." From the Lions' point of view, no further action will be taken against Scott. There is nothing more to be said."
Judge Daniels' panel, which also included Oloff de Meyer, a Pretoria attorney, and Mack wan Vuuren, a former general manager of the Northern Transveral Rugby Football Union, accepted that Gibbs had no particular history of violent con-

Scott Gibbs: banned for one match and told to curb old rugby league instlnots

ment has already signalled its in-tention to pursue the matter fur-ther if local officials fail to crack

Weir, whose left knee was elfectively shattered by Bosman's
cold-bloded stamp at a rack,
flew back to Britain on Saturday night and will undergo
surgery as soon as date can be
fixed. The popular Sevisman
still has an outside chance of recwering in time for his cannity's
programme of auttumn internationals, but it is more likeby that he will be ruled out until

descreed their victory. I would have settled for 1-1 in the Text series before going to Argentina and, everall, it has proved a great

covernight racing ending 15th. By contrins, apart from one 11th place. Friese never linelled helow fitth.

By the end of the week Merricks and Walker were reassessing the work to be done in terns of hoat-handling and new sails. After a diuntingly concentrated fortuight in Haly they torned a featuringly concentrated fortuight in Haly they torned a featuringly concentrated fortuight in Haly they torned from where it will be shipped back to England. That prevides some more offshore work, and they will also compete in one or two of the world. Mumm 30 silver medallists has year. Merricks and others high standards but are having to do a lot in a short time as they make the switch from Olympic dinglay sailing to an eight from they make the switch from Olympic dinglay sailing to an eight mast hey make the switch from Olympic dinglay sailing to an eight of the switch from Olympic dinglay sailing to an eight of the switch from Olympic dinglay sailing to an eight of the head of the switch from Olympic dinglay sailing to a lot in a short time a tight fleet, would quickly be explosted by metabes is als.

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Coutts, and many people's, worth is were like to see it fill two or three of the skets in the three-hoat Admiral's Cup teums.

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# Friese turns the heat

Australian men have won ELEVEN singles littles at the French Open tennis champlonships, more than any other country

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Sailing STUART ALEXANDER reports from Punta Ala, Italy

For Germany's Tomas Friese in was a second consecutive triump at a second consecutive triump hat the very highest tevel, but for Britain's John Merricks and lan Walker the Mumm 36 World Championships here was a disappointment.

Friese is rothing if not determined, and to his campaigns he brings organisation, budget and top-level players. In an 18-boat fleet cozing Olyanpic medallisis and America's Cup talent his I Punkt was still a league upart. With the New Zealander Gavin Brady on the helm and the American John Kostecki calling tactics they finished nearty 20 points clear John Kostecki calling tactics they finished nearty 20 points clear John Kostecki calling tactics they finished nearty 20 points clear John Kostecki calling tactics they finished nearty 20 points clear John Kostecki calling tactics they finished nearty 20 points clear John Kostecki calling tactics of 10 short make your of performance and results reflects ment the American a single race, but his compared in Stretcks und Priese was the American and Dec Smith winning three jucks, while in thind was the litalian teum member 18 revez, steered by Tommaso Chieff. A few other famous names were out of the silverware, with New Zeuland's Georgia Espress fourth overall with David Barnes steering.

Seventh place weerall for Merricks and Walker was outside their goal of a top-five finish. Earlier in the week, they had been pleased at the way things were going, including a win they had he bear pleased at the way things were learning, though they had an unhappy introduction to

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lan Stafford meets Jacques Villeneuve, the Formula One

leader not afraid to speak his mind

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to be happy with right now. Last n Formula One, he was seen as the

ed the car. It takes a lot individual to the competitive. Las nsing apprentice reasons.

Indivery much in pole position in terms in the superiority of his ormanees so far, and the superiority of his ormanees. e competitive. Last year it was taking me as 20 laps. Now I have nothing to learn, I ju o improve on what I do. I learned all the bas

man, as you can see, is simply brimming with lence. Leading the Formula One Work mionship with 30 noints after three whis ou

"Monte Carlo's great because I've fived there for so long and it's Monte Carlo, isn't it?" the French Canadian reasons. "But Canada has to be the most important race in the year for me. Montreal's special. There's great support for me there and the fans seem to be a little more respectful than their European Counterwarts."

So what is it, confidence or arrogance? "In reality m pretty easy going," Villeneuve answers, quite applity taking the question on the fin. "I get along the most in the paddock, but I've come to race and with most in the paddock, but I've come to race and of the most in the paddock, but I've come to race and get until the last race of the season, that people ere thinking: 'Oh, what a big head he's got.' But did exactly that, didn't I? I was pleased with that, but his year I'll feel bad if I don't win the World in

Well, it's there for me to grab. I mean, it won't it won't be served up on a silver platter for and the car perform then it's there for me hen it's a case of us losing it, not someone git."

In a very short amount of time Villeneuve has made the himself noticed, and not just because of his deredevil dribing on the grand prix circuit. Away from his car, the 1995 bying on the grand prix circuit. Away from his car, the 1995 bying on the grand has not been afraid to speak his mind, it most recently regarding his concerns that his sport is becoming too safe. By doing so he has carned himself a bit of a "bad boy" reputation.

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the difference between IndyCar and Formula One. "Safebut ty's important in IndyCar, but they don't get sick over it
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the do you know what? It's not because of Roland Ratzenyne harger, it's because of Ayrton Senna.
"A lot of people ask me if it was hard after Ayrton's
death, and I say: 'No, it was hard after Roland's death,
because he was a friend.' And they roply: 'Ohyekh, yeah,
but what about Ayrton?' 'He shakes his head at this and
and, looks down at the reasonal to necessite who say he wasn't
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How does he respond to people who say he wasn't around Formula One when Senna died at Imola, and therefore should not be pressing for less safety? "I say that I lost my father to motor racing, so I know what I'm

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'I never got into Formula One thinking I've

a horrendous crash and Michael went on to win."

He points his finger at nothing in particular. "Now, that's what I admire. That's how you have to be in racing. Even though the Andrettis were close, Michael went on to win."

Now these are the sort of comments that have carned thin his image. Villeneuve accepts this, but then launch, him his image. Villeneuve accepts this, but then launch, him his image. The care placed upon mo because I open my mouth and say what I believe, that's all. I'm not trying to be different, or trying to bug people. I just open my mouth when there's something I believe in and then a my mouth when there's something I believe in and then a lay try and make an intelligent comment about it. I'm not a lay a bad boy, but it doesn't please everyone, that's for sure."

tions and, almost incidentally, a race at the end of it all.

He agrees with this point.

"Fifteen years' ago there was less money involved in Formula One so it didn't rule your judgement. When I seross the finish line my only thoughts are about whether live won or not. I don't think of the money. That's why set the drivers in the past were more like drivers should be.

They raced hard and spoke their minds."

This, Villeneuve elearly are all the past were more like drivers should be.

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This, Villeneuve clearly reckons, is not the case today. "People inside the sport, and I'm talking team owners as well, should learn more about saying what they believe in so that they can have an influence. There are too many people in the sport today who kinda bitch about

got to beat my father. I've never wanted to

ot of them have been pushed by their par-was their own personal dreams." Weren't acques, by your father? "I don't think so.

me clse say it? They do in a small room, but will ime to say something out loud and have an influally you get is: 'Oh well, maybe they're the ones who lid make the decision.'

something and then, five minutes' later, accept it. Everyone apart from Ferrarl, for example, agrees that the change
of the tyres next year is the wrong thing to do, but will
anyone clse say it? They do in a small room, but when

be in his shadow, or

to overshadow him'

Too young when Gilles Villeneuve died at Zolder durToo young when Gilles Villeneuve died at Zolder during practice for the 1982 Belgian Grand Prix, is what he
meant. Last year he spont much of his time being the
son of Gilles. This year not much has changed.
"Do you know, there are still loads of people who

Hard driving and plain speaking:
Jacques
Villeneuve, the
Canadian
with the belief to be the best

Photograph; Peter Jay

refer to me, to my face, as Gilles. They don't no-ice they're doing it. I say to them. 'Actually my name is Jacques,' They say 'oh yeah, right, well any-way, Gilles,' I have to bugh at it."

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ver got into Formula One thinking that I've rever wanted on the Gilles Villeneuve, the racing drihe son of my father.
I won in Spain it never crossed if my father. No way, I we never wanted shadow, or to overshadow him. He was as, and I am who I am. I'm super proud is son, and it's important to me, but I'm

ments overshudowed his." He pauses for a brief moment to collect his thoughts. "It's not a personal battle, but people will always make this association, won't they?" more races than my father until it was to me. The problem in admitting this to will say that I negate my father, and le so much for me. I'm not going against ecomplished a lot, and he's a legend, withing I could do to diminish him, and ain it never crossed my mind as than my father until it was

"Hey, believe me, having that car is a big help to me. I won't deny it, we clearly have the best car in the paddock and it allows me to be more relaxed. I don't think the gap is as big as some would believe. I accept it may be in qualifying, but not so much in the races. Besides, it also puts added pressure on me. Qualifying in third place for Monaco, for example, was seen as terrible by the media." las already the arch-competitor, does him that he is seen as having a huge cause of the Williams-Renault car?

He seemed genuinely happy to talk for some time, but the bigwigs from Williams-Renault required his attention. What about this competitiveness, though? Is it the same in everything he

"I've always liked to win, in absolutely everything.

I doesn't have to be just sports. I'm not a bad loser, but I'll be competitive to the end. That's why I wouldn't have come to F1 if there hadn't been a top team for me. I'll ke so many other drivers do. They're just happy to be part of it, ending up in Europe in the minorities of Formula One. I couldn't accept that."

One final, hypothetical question. If I were to bent him at a computer game like Space Invaders, what would happen in the return match one week later? Villeneuve, already on his way to his team bosses, stops in his tracks, turns round and looks me straight in the eye.

"I'd heat you," he said, delivered with utmost certainty.

"Yep, without a doubt."

"How can you be so sure of that?" I ask.

"I'd practice non-stop, every single day to make sure."

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came the reply as Jacques Villeneuve delivered a selfconscious smile. "That's why I'd win."

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Hand of God – The Life of Diego Maradona ly Jimmy Burns (Bloomsbury, paperback, £6.99)

fair, you feel, but less Boswell to his Johnson than Goldman to his Lennon. It's all there: the drugs, the whores, the troupe of illicit little Diegs round the world, the parties where he physical lapdog to the Camorra, the ego the size of Argentina. And you want to give him a copy. In person, "Bravado" is one word for it, "Plain" and "stopid" are two others.

But Jimmy Burns, whose Hamb Johnson.

and is now out in paperback, did deliver a copy to the object of his attentions, in an Italian restaurant in London. Maradona was "unsure whether to thank me or break my nose," be reports in a postscript entitled, just in case there's any confusion. "The Slow Death Of Diego Maradona". A few days after the London meeting, the we man vented his spleen on Spanish radio, telling the world: "Burns has pissed all over me". That night, after a drinking spree, he was stranded in his hotel lift by a power failure, kicked the Jift door until his foot bled and on his release by fremen spent the rest of the night kicking the boast furthers and a remain.

The story Burns tells is of a man who could never have been the story Burns tells is of a man who could never have been just a footballer. He has always been commanded ed for more sinister purposes, from the early days when the Argentine regime used him as a distraction from their vicious despotism (and he narrowly avoided being sold to Steffield Unfled), through to USA 94, when Fifa, needing his presence to help sell the tournament to the Americans, assigned its general secretary Sepp Blatter to make sure his transfer negotiations from Napoli to Seville went smoothly and that he was not host to the game. Frootball matches were arenas for other battles; his single-handed victory over England in 1986, for example, was less a World Cup quarter-linal, more a nation's revenge for lumilistican in the Malvinas, llurus, a tinancial investigative journalist, has worked hard and the book is crammed with detail. It's easy to overdo the tragic-hero imagery and Burns steers well clear of pretension, though there exuld be a little more attempt at explanation to go with all the exposition. And at times it jure stylistically, like a bad translation.

But the facts do the work as we see the 1D-year-old Diego thrilling to the crowd's roar as he performs his half-time tricks at Argentinos Juniors, through to that brutal image of the Buenos Aires police bursting in on a former genius lying wasted on a hed next to his coke stash. And on to the final scene in the book's first edition, Diego lecturing the Oxford Union on how koothall has sold its soul for money – this from a man determined to live the superstar lifestyle to its most extravagant and opularity expused by Burns, is desperately said. Of course, where he went wrong is obvious. He should have gone to Brannell Lane, their man determined to live the superstar lifestyle to its most extravagant and opularity man between the brannell Lane.

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